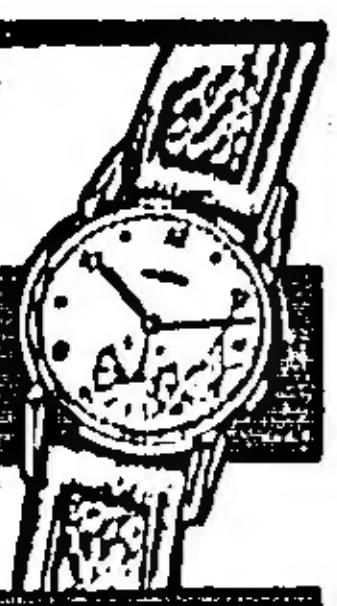


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India Seen As Mediator To Settle Korean Crisis

Washington, Dec. 1.

President Truman disclosed on Friday that the United States is counting heavily on India to play the role of peacemaker between the Chinese Communists and the Western world if there is any possibility of negotiating a peaceful settlement of Peking's intervention in the Korean war.

The President told a bipartisan meeting of top congressional leaders that American officials were conferring with India on the Korean situation, but he refused to reveal the progress of the talks declaring the information was "top secret."

This was disclosed by senators and representatives who met with the President at the White House to get his assessment of the Korean situation and a report on what he wanted in the way of money to finance increased war preparations.

Meanwhile, however, the United Press learned from authoritative sources that Sir Benegal Rau, India's permanent representative at the United Nations, on Thursday night cabled his Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, asking for permission to introduce a cease-fire resolution in the Security Council.

Sir Benegal's idea would be to call upon both the United Nations and the Communist forces to lay down their arms where they stand and then negotiate the creation of a buffer zone in North Korea.

Sir Benegal's cable to Mr. Nehru said he wanted specific instructions in view of the fact that India had been "ill advised" in its earlier attempts to intervene in the Korean situation.

It was believed Sir Benegal had received affirmative instructions from Premier Nehru. Therefore, it was assumed, he unveiled his proposal to the Chinese Communists during his talk with General Wu Hsi-chuan in New York on Friday.

While the Americans so far have resisted any idea of establishing a buffer zone, it was understood there is a growing sentiment in United States official circles to go along with the Indian idea if Chinese Communist agreement is reached.

LABOUR WINS BY-ELECTION

Abertillery, Wales, Dec. 1.

The Labour Party today held the Parliamentary seat of Abertillery in a bye-election with a majority of 20,783. The Labour candidate, the Rev. Llewellyn Williams, polled 24,622 votes while his Conservative opponent, a 23-year-old London barrister, Mr. Richard Body, got only 3,839 votes.

This increases the Labour Party's majority in the House of Commons from five to six.

Reuter.

Pyongyang Bombed By Red Planes

Pyongyang, Dec. 2.

Heavy explosions, believed to be caused by bombs from Communist planes, shook Pyongyang, the former North Korean capital, shortly after midnight.

It was the second night in succession that the former Communist capital had been bombed. Three aircraft raided the city last night.

United Nations forces in the Pyongyang area were alerted tonight for a possible parachute drop by the Communists.

A security screen was thrown around the city. Guards were also warned of possible infiltration attacks by Chinese Communists.—Reuter.

Military Situation Is Critical But Not Hopeless—MacArthur

Washington, Dec. 1.

The military situation in Korea is serious and critical but not hopeless, General Douglas MacArthur said today. He was quoted as saying this in a copyrighted interview with the independent magazine, "United States News and World Report."

He added that he regarded as "an enormous handicap" without precedent in military operations, the United Nations restrictions against unlimited pursuit of the Chinese Communists and aerial attacks on their Manchurian bases.

Editors of the magazine in Washington put this question by cable to General MacArthur in Tokyo:

"Would you describe the present situation as 'critical and serious, but not hopeless'?" General MacArthur replied: "Yes, definitely, unless one completely discounts the combined resources of the free nations engaged in the Korean conflict."

SILENT ON AT-BOMB

General MacArthur said that it would be "inappropriate at this time" for him to comment on the possible use of the atom bomb in the Korean conflict.

General MacArthur said that there was no sign that Russian divisions were being mobilized on the Siberian border.

The magazine made General MacArthur's cabled comments available for immediate publication.

Chinese Reds Drive On For East Coast

ALLIES DIGGING IN ON A NEW LINE

Tokyo, Dec. 1.

Still swinging the main weight of their offensive on the left in Korea today, the Chinese Communists drove hard towards the east coast in an attempt to cut off the scattered United Nations forces to the north-east.

In considerable strength, they have already chopped across the lines of communication of the scattered Anglo-American units battling fiercely in the Chosin Reservoir area.

Their advance units were reported to be only 30 miles from the twin east coast towns of Hamhung and Hungnam.

The war-weary United Nations Eighth Army in the North-West, after pulling south of the Chongchon River, had temporarily lost control with most of the supply-starved enemy attacking their front.

Communist troops were crossing the river in force, under heavy aerial strafing, as the Allies continued to dig in along a new line pivoting on Sunchon, 30 miles from Pyongyang, the former North Korean capital.

The towns of Sinanju and Anju, at the mouth of the river, were believed to have been abandoned but the enemy's bid at encirclement appeared to have been averted.

The United Nations 2nd Division, which was trapped yesterday in a bloody rear-guard action just below Kharu, had now regained contact with the main body.

An Eighth Army spokesman said that the Division had taken up position in the Eighth Army's new defence line north of Pyongyang and all its units were intact.

Reinforcements from the 10th Corps were earlier today reported to be fighting their way north from Hamhung towards the frozen Chosin Reservoir, 40 miles away to relieve the embattled Royal Marines and American Marines and Infantry.

One Allied relief column was pushing towards the beleaguered town of Kotori, seven miles south of the reservoir, after being halted during the night.

STILL CUT OFF

Elements of the 7th American Division, east of the reservoir, were still cut off from Hagaru, the American supply centre in the area.

American "flying boxcars" dropped supplies into the smoke-covered battlefield while Marine Corsair pilots, swooping in low, hit the savagely attacking Communists with everything they had.

They killed 200 Communists in one attack to rescue a platoon of American Marines which was threatened with encirclement. Anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

Further to the northeast the South Korean Capital Division resumed its northward advance up the east coast to a point 18 miles north of Chongjin and only 38 miles from the Russian-Siberian border.

News from the North-Western front remained scanty but the general lull continued. Forward elements of the American 1st Cavalry Division on the right flank were in action at Sunchon.

The two crack British Commonwealth Brigades, the 27th and the 28th Brigades, the latter with their new 52-ton Centurion tanks—were at present holding the centre of the line.—Reuter.

GIs' Tragic Mistake

North-Western Korea, Dec. 1. Dazed and wounded GIs who fought their way through a gruelling six-mile ambush south of Kunuri, on Thursday wounded three British soldiers from Middlesex by mistake at the end of the terrible gauntlet.

"It was unfortunate but understandable," commented one British officer.

"The poor devils had been hammered for miles and they were shooting at everything that moved."

"Some didn't know when they reached safety."

The Middlesex Regiment had one man killed and six wounded on Thursday in an action in which they pushed 10 miles north of Sunchon into "No-Man's-Land" to establish a firm base to meet the Americans.

The Middlesex troops, after pushing a short distance in front of their appointed holding line, had to watch helplessly throughout the afternoon as the Americans encountered one of the worst ambushes of the war.

If the Battalion had plunged into the pass in an attempt to help the Americans they would have been sucked into a Chinese trap.

Mr Attlee Is Off Tomorrow

SLIM ALSO GOING TO WASHINGTON

London, Dec. 1.

Mr Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, will fly from London in a Stratoscruiser on Sunday night to Washington for his talks with President Truman on the Korean war and the world situation. He will arrive in Washington on Monday morning.

He is expected to spend three or four days in Washington and may then fly to Ottawa to meet the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr Louis St Laurent, informed quarters said here today.

But, these quarters said, no final decision had been taken on Mr Attlee's Ottawa visit.

Field Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, is likely to accompany Mr Attlee to Washington, according to these quarters.

Mr Rene Pleven, the French Prime Minister, and Mr Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, were understood to be leaving Paris tonight by train to arrive here tomorrow morning for talks with Mr Attlee before his visit to Washington.

A French Foreign Office spokesman said in Paris today that Mr Pleven and Mr Schuman would, in their talks with Mr Attlee, express the French viewpoint and ensure perfect liaison between Britain and France.

France would be kept informed of the discussion in Washington, he said.

TALK WITH CHURCHILL Those expected to accompany Mr Attlee, besides Sir William Slim, are Treasury and Foreign Office officials and some members of the Prime Minister's personal staff.

Today Mr Attlee had long telephone conversations with the Conservative leader, Mr Winston Churchill.

President Truman is expected to send a cable here today or tomorrow telling Mr Attlee in advance what subjects he would like to raise. Though the talks will be completely informal and no rigid agenda has been fixed, Mr Attlee today discussed the main subjects he wants to bring up with Ministers, including the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, and the Defence Minister, Mr Emanuel Shinwell.

The discussions are likely to cover almost the whole range of Anglo-American relations and world politics.

The Commonwealth countries are being kept in closest touch with the developments here before Mr Attlee's departure. Today the Prime Minister met Mr Patrick Gordon-Walker, the Commonwealth Relations Minister, to give him the latest information.

According to present arrangements...

Racing Tips

By "Rapior"

RACE 1

Madame Butterfly
Battle Field
The Tigress
Outsider: Honey Dew.

RACE 2

Some Fun
Pacific
Bonnie Eyes
Outsider: Double Coin.

RACE 3

Diamond Queen
Happy Valley
Sunshine
Outsider: Sookunpots.

RACE 4

Care Free
Busy Bee
Domino
Outsider: Flight.

RACE 5

World Peace
Egyptian Field
Chief Pilot
Outsider: Seafire.

RACE 6

Airfield
Abdul Hamid
Miami Beauty
Outsider: Speed Wheel.

RACE 7

Hongkong Stutze
Speed Bird
Shun Lee
Outsider: Rasher.

RACE 8

Brivisto
My Darling
V-J Day
Outsider: The Chief.

By "The Turf"

RACE 1

V.I.P.
Anyway
The Stranger
Outsider: Madame Butterfly.

RACE 2

Uncle Willie
Bonnie Eyes
Iron Mask
Outsider: Al Fresco.

RACE 3

Sookunpots
Happy Valley
Top Hat
Outsider: Oakland Bridge.

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Hopper
Speed Bird
Outsider: Rasher.

RACE 8

V-J Day
The Chief
Brivisto
Outsider: Rowanglen.

STOP PRESS

Rain Prevents Test Match Play

Brisbane, Dec. 2.

It is raining very heavily here this morning and it is unlikely there will be any play today in the first Test match.

An inspection of the wicket will be made at 3 o'clock this afternoon (Brisbane time).

Yesterday, Australia in their first innings, were dismissed by England for 228 runs.

Demonstrations In Rome

Rome, Dec. 1.

Thousands of persons demonstrated outside Parliament and the Foreign Office tonight against use of the atom bomb in Korea and police riot squads smashed Communist attempts to march on the United States Embassy and Consulates throughout the country.

Communist-called flash strikes spread through Italian industry in protest against President Truman's threat to use the atomic bomb in Korea and the statement by the Italian foreign Minister, Count Carlo Forza, supporting the United States' policy.

Ten-minute and 15-minute work stoppages were proclaimed throughout the country.—United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Would It Solve The Problem?

IF, from a distance, Mr Attlee's decision to suggest a meeting between himself and President Truman in Washington smacks of the dramatic, it is still necessary to view the action dispassionately. The announcement of his overture to Mr Truman was flavoured by the fact that almost simultaneously the United States President had given a press conference where he intimated that it might be necessary to consider using the atom bomb to bring about a cessation of the fighting in Korea. The timing of these two announcements automatically left the impression that it was President Truman's statements to the press which activated Mr Attlee into seeking a personal conference in Washington with the chief executive of the United States. Actually, however, such a meeting had been advocated in a number of British national papers 24 hours before, the editorials arguing that it was essential in order to have the fullest understanding between Britain and America as to the best way of dealing with the latest military crisis in Korea. Nor is the Korea problem exclusively in the minds either of the British editorial writers, Mr Attlee or President Truman. Worrying them are the implications of Russia's policy at this time; whether or not the Kremlin is intending to try and make Korea such a major battle ground that Russia will be in a position to strike at the relatively weak Western European forces while Britain and the United States are deeply committed in the Far East. This aspect of the international situation when President Truman and Mr Attlee do meet as the immediate prospect of resolving the Korea crisis, the threat of the atom bomb and the danger of the Chinese Communists in Korea has been more or less superimposed on the other preoccupations by virtue of Mr Truman's mention of it at his press conference. But it is one thing to make a passing reference to the possibility of using the atom bomb; quite another to decide upon such a drastic action. It would require indisputable facts and arguments to convince the Western world that the atom bomb would achieve its intended purpose—bring the Korean conflict to an abrupt and satisfactory end and at the same time preserve the world from another global war. And unless the use of the atom bomb at this time can achieve precisely that, it is difficult in the extreme to find any justification for bringing such a dangerous weapon into play. We do not waver in our belief that the United Nations must continue to stand firm in Korea, and that every normal means of bringing peace and unification to that country must still be made use of—militarily, diplomatically and politically. But recourse to the atom bomb must come only when all other mediums for satisfactorily settling the affair have failed. It is a heavy task confronting the genuinely peace-loving members of the United Nations, and an even greater responsibility rests on the shoulders of President Truman at this critical time; for it will be upon his order that the atom bomb will be dropped in Korea. And while there is no lack of confidence in the wisdom of these protectors of world peace, we cannot avoid the conclusion that it would be foolhardy to believe that use of the atom bomb would provide a short cut to the solution of the Korean problem and the establishment of future peace and security for the peoples of the world.

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tion though they will not appear in the magazine until Monday.

In a remark which was taken to indicate that he did not possess full knowledge of the Chinese Communist strength before launching his offensive, he said that "air reconnaissance across the border (of Manchuria) is prohibited" by his instructions from the United Nations.

He said that the limited sphere of operation caused by the lack of authority to cross the border kept him from preventing the forward movement of Chinese Communist troops under cover of darkness and the rugged terrain.

Of his hopes that the October United Nations offensive would be decisive, General MacArthur said: "Had there been but an outer crust of the enemy force in front of our lines the enveloping pressure from the east and west would have affected its destruction."

"Had we failed to assault and uncover the enemy strength and intentions, the opportunity secretly to build up from the available resources of all China would inevitably encompass our destruction."

HAD TO STRIKE

General MacArthur said that he had realised the now-bogged down winter offensive of his United Nations forces in Korea to be a "decisive action" when he ordered it to be restarted on October 20.

He said the offensive was "the only one which the situation permitted."

If he had waited until the spring, General MacArthur said, the Chinese Communists would have had an opportunity to mass their forces for a demoralising attack.

"The enemy would have jumped off just as soon as a satisfactory military balance had been achieved without waiting for the advent of spring."

General MacArthur said that all his operations were reported to and approved by Washington immediately they were launched.

He said that he received no warnings from the United Nations or any other sources about the dangers of a winter offensive.

"Nor were any warnings necessary," he added. "A winter offensive is as hard on the enemy as upon the friendly forces."

The editors of the magazine asked General MacArthur if he believed a war against China could be fought without substantial use of United Nations troops—by sea and air only and by giving moral and material support to Chinese guerrillas.

The General replied: "Modern warfare requires a combination of complete co-ordination of all three arms. I would not care to discuss the possibilities."

Earl Browder Gaoled

Washington, Dec. 1.

Earl Browder, longtime No. 1 American Communist, was gaoled today after he failed to put up \$1,500 bond on a contempt of Congress charge.

Federal Judge Edward M. Curran ordered down Browder's plea to remain at liberty on his personal bond.

Browder was indicted early on the contempt charge for refusing to answer questions before a Senate Sub-committee during an investigation on Communist.—Associated Press.

Military Chiefs To Meet

W. Europe Defences

Washington, Dec. 1.

A meeting of North Atlantic military leaders has been arranged to seek immediate agreement on the creation of a combined defence force in Western Europe, usually well-informed sources said here today.

A formal announcement was expected within the next 24 hours.

President Truman said yesterday that it was now more necessary than ever to establish such a force under a Supreme Command, Defence and military officials of the North Atlantic Treaty nations tried at meeting here in October to agree on the details of a combined force for Western Europe.

A deadlock developed at the time between the United States and French proposals to rearm Western Germany.

The appointment of a Supreme Commander generally expected to be General Dwight D. Eisenhower—was postponed pending further efforts to reach a detailed agreement on the combined force.—Reuter.

UPPER HOUSE ABOLISHED

Auckland, Dec. 1.

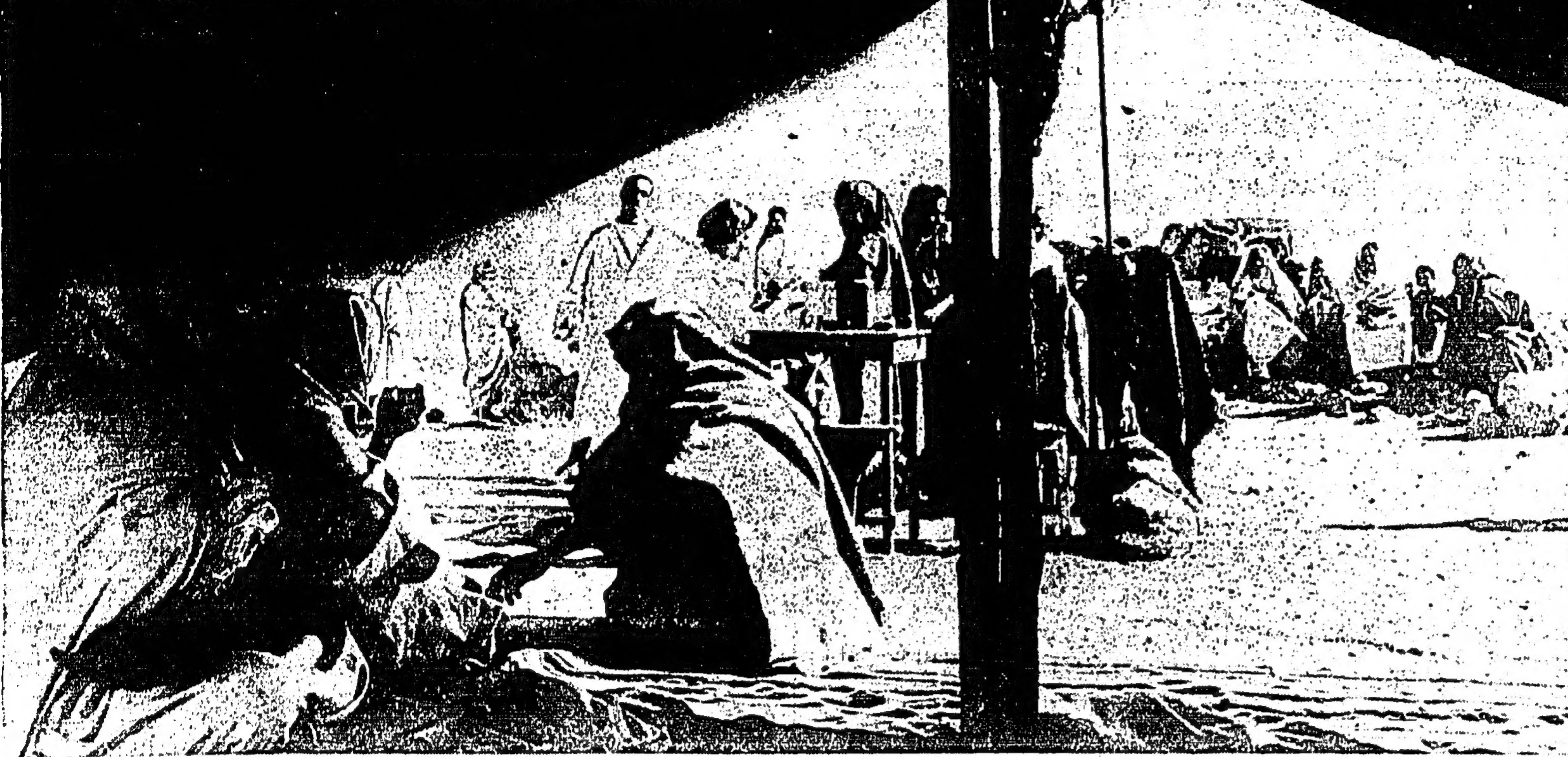
New Zealand's 90-year-old two-chamber system of government ended today when the Legislative Council passed its last bill.

A bill passed in this session by both Houses abolished the Upper House.

During the recess a joint committee of both Houses will consider possible alternatives in an Upper House.—Associated Press.

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THE U. N. WARS ON DISEASE



In front of the tent of the Sheikh of Guelouffa, Tunisia, a French nurse inoculates members of a nomadic tribe against tuberculosis. All of the serum is supplied by the Pasteur Institute of Paris.

FAR FROM the Korean front lines, the United Nations is fighting another kind of war—an all-out battle against tuberculosis in North Africa. An international force of doctors and nurses has already inoculated almost two million children and adults against the "white plague." The campaign covers Egypt, Morocco, Tunis, Algeria and Tangiers.

Support for the offensive comes jointly from the U.N. International Children's Emergency Fund, World Health Organisation, Scandinavian Relief Societies and the French government.

The prospect of being stuck with a needle has caused many families in primitive areas to stay home when the medical team arrives. But the wholehearted support of sultans, pashas and sheiks has done much to overcome this reluctance. In Algeria, the arrival of a vaccinating unit often serves as an excuse for picturesque festivals—after the needlework.

Heads of states have been particularly co-operative in securing for their people this invaluable service. The Sultan of Morocco wanted to issue a decree making inoculation com-

plimentary. The U.N. team provided an alternative, a press and propaganda programme that brought in 95 percent of the youngsters.

Working in an area where 18 million inhabitants are spread over three million square miles, the U.N. teams have had to travel by camel, jeep, truck and by foot. Lodgings are frequently a portable tent. All work halts during the midday heat.

The fight against tuberculosis in North Africa is part of a larger campaign aimed at vaccinating 15 to 20 million people in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East.



CLUTCHING his vaccination card, a 2-year-old Tunisian boy proudly walks away after an injection of the serum.



LUNCH in the desert consists of native food provided the medical team by the Sheikh of Ghoum-Rassen, Tunisia. In each country visited, "vaccinators" train native doctors and nurses to carry on their work as a defence against future infection.



HAVING COMPLETED the vaccination of Guelouffa's inhabitants, the team prepares to leave the Tunisian village in a panel car and on horseback. The scarcity of gas stations and the rough terrain often makes automobile transportation difficult.



THIS TOT in Ouled-Zoghne, Algeria, wanted no part of the injection and fought a bitter, losing battle against vaccination.



ALL CHILDREN are examined, but only those showing a "negative" reaction get an injection. Youngsters under 12

like the one above in Guelouffa, receive Moro-Patch test. Before the campaign is completed, 50 million will be tested.



WEARING his fez at a jaunty angle, but looking away from the hypodermic needle, Algerian bravely submits to inoculation.

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A SEAT IN THE STALLS

The property man can produce anything

Says Melrose Gower

A motion picture property man can do anything—yes, anything.

In support of which contention we submit herewith a few recent happy thoughts and masterful manoeuvres of two RKO Radio prop men, Earl "Fibber" McKee and George "Buttercup" Gabe. Similar shenanigans are being perpetrated daily by other quick-witted members of the clan throughout the industry.

Eggs sunny side up are anathema to Robert Ryan. They turn his stomach sunny side down.

But the script emphatically stated that Ryan and Claire Trevor should be eating eggs sunny side up for a Western

saloon breakfast scene in "Best of the Bad Men."

Director William Russell dumped the problem in the lap of "Fibber" McKee. "There, there," soothed McKee. "Bob'll rave over my eggs sunny side up."

And Ryan did. He ate 'em with gusto throughout an hour devoted to filming the desired scene. Then "Fibber" McKee cracked wide open, and confessed.

Photogenic

"My eggs sunny side up," said he, "are apricot halves on white bread, photogenic, too, aren't they?"

A few weeks back this same McKee was out on the Mojave Desert doing his chores for a

lonely ranch scene being played by Irene Dunne and Fred MacMurray for the new romantic comedy, "Come Share My Love." Director George Marshall decided he needed a large bouquet of flowers. He turned to the "Fibber," and the "Fibber" turned—pale.

"Flowers in the desert," he grunted. "Okay, okay."

McKee jumped into his car, and tore off across the desert wasteland toward the distant railroad tracks. He knew an Eastbound train was due across that desert stretch in 10 minutes. He drove to the tracks, parked his car across them, left his helper there.

When the train rolled to a stop just short of the obstruction, the helper argued with the late engineer while McKee boarded it, made a quick deal with the dining car steward, grabbed flowers from tables left and right, jumped off, drove his auto from beneath the nose of the bellowing engineer—and 10 minutes later delivered the needed bouquet to Director Marshall.

George "Buttercup" Gabe recently completed his duties on "Crack Down," first movie ever plotted around motorcycle racing, and from there joined Director Alfred Werker's staff filming the Dana Andrews-Carla Balanda-Claude Rains picture, "The Gaunt Woman."

There's a scene in "Crack Down" calling for Bill Williams, Steve Flagg and their motorcycles to be thoroughly mud-splattered. But the mud make-up looked phoney—as, indeed, it was. To the rescue, then, came "Buttercup." He created a fat, flat mud puddle.

"Now," he said to Bill and Steve, "get back there 30 yards, those machines rolling and hit that puddle at 40 miles an hour."

Masterpiece

They did, and the resultant effect was a muddy masterpiece.

Gabe hasn't been asked as yet to perform any miracles for "The Gaunt Woman." If he is, you can wager he'll take the task in stride. On one occasion he produced 300 angle worms on short notice by watering a likely spot, thrusting an electric wire into the ground and shocking the worms to the surface. Once, also, he water-proofed three waterlogged ducks which, rescued from generations of desert-raised ducks, had developed no oil glands to protect themselves.

"Buttercup" prefers, however, to talk about Harry D'Arcy, former prop man, now an assistant director. He was the best of them all, avers Gabe, so good that one director once went out of his way deliberately to stump this resourceful gentleman.

"Tomorrow," the director told his assistant, "I'll stop Harry cold. There's nothing in the script about boxing gloves, so all at once I'll ask him for a pair."

It so happened that D'Arcy, just behind a scenery flat, overheard the plot. Next morning he handed his helper a pair of boxing gloves, told him to climb to the electrician's parallel which ceiling every movie set, and watch for his signal.

In mid-morning the director suddenly turned to D'Arcy: "Get me a pair of boxing gloves in a hurry."

"Yes, sir," said D'Arcy, thrust a hand ceilingward, brought it down holding the gloves.

dozen songs, she asked her audience:

"Fellows, am I keeping you from anything?"

"Yeah, Ma'am," a soldier yelled, "sufferin'!"

Here is 1950's Chaplin

By PAUL DEHN

London. "Where," I sighed nostalgically in a week which included lunch with Gloria Swanson and a second sight of Chaplin's "City Lights" revived at the Rialto, "is the Grand Hollywood Manner?"

Where the great stars of whom younger people than I will boast to their grandchildren? Where the masterly situations that will make others laugh and cry as I cried at Swanson and laughed at Chaplin?

The week provides its own answer with a Robert Cummings comedy, "Girl Of The Year" (Leicester-square), and what may possibly be Judy Garland's farewell performance in "If You Feel Like Singing" (Empire).

Two of the situations in "Girl Of The Year" are as funny as anything ever thought up by Chaplin.

Slapstick Scenes

The first is the sight of Mr. Cummings trying to hoist sail on a small yacht of which a powerful auxiliary outboard-motor has already taken ir retrievable charge.

The second is a sequence showing Mr. Cummings and a process-server involved accidentally in a Quick-Change Act on the variety stage.

While the quick-change actor remains rooted in bewilderment to the stage's centre, Mr. Cummings and his companion dash blindly from wing to wing, reappearing invariably as Napoleon, a Russian moujik, a tall Edwardian lady and Henry V in full armour.

Nothing in the picture (which recklessly purports to be a life story of the American painter, George Petty) quite comes up to these two sequences; but the sequences themselves come up to anything in the history of screen slapstick.

Joan Caulfield beautifies a cast to which Elsa Lanchester lends distinction.

She's Plumper

Of Judy Garland (about whose exquisite performance in "Meet Me in St. Louis" all contemporary flingers will go boasting to their graves) it must now be said plainly and unambiguously that she has got plumper.

I suppose this may be one of the things which have recently made her unhappy in real life. For though a singer may surmount plumpness, a singer-and-dancer may not.

Miss Garland, then, should be told that she has a quality of sweetness which flingers will continue to love in her even if she never dances again. "If You Feel Like Singing" (the story of showman Gene Kelly's love for a farm girl) is her signal to feel like singing because she still sings as gaily as she did; and her costume designers can stop trying to disguise the undigustable by dressing her in unsightly striped wings and the size of angels' wings.

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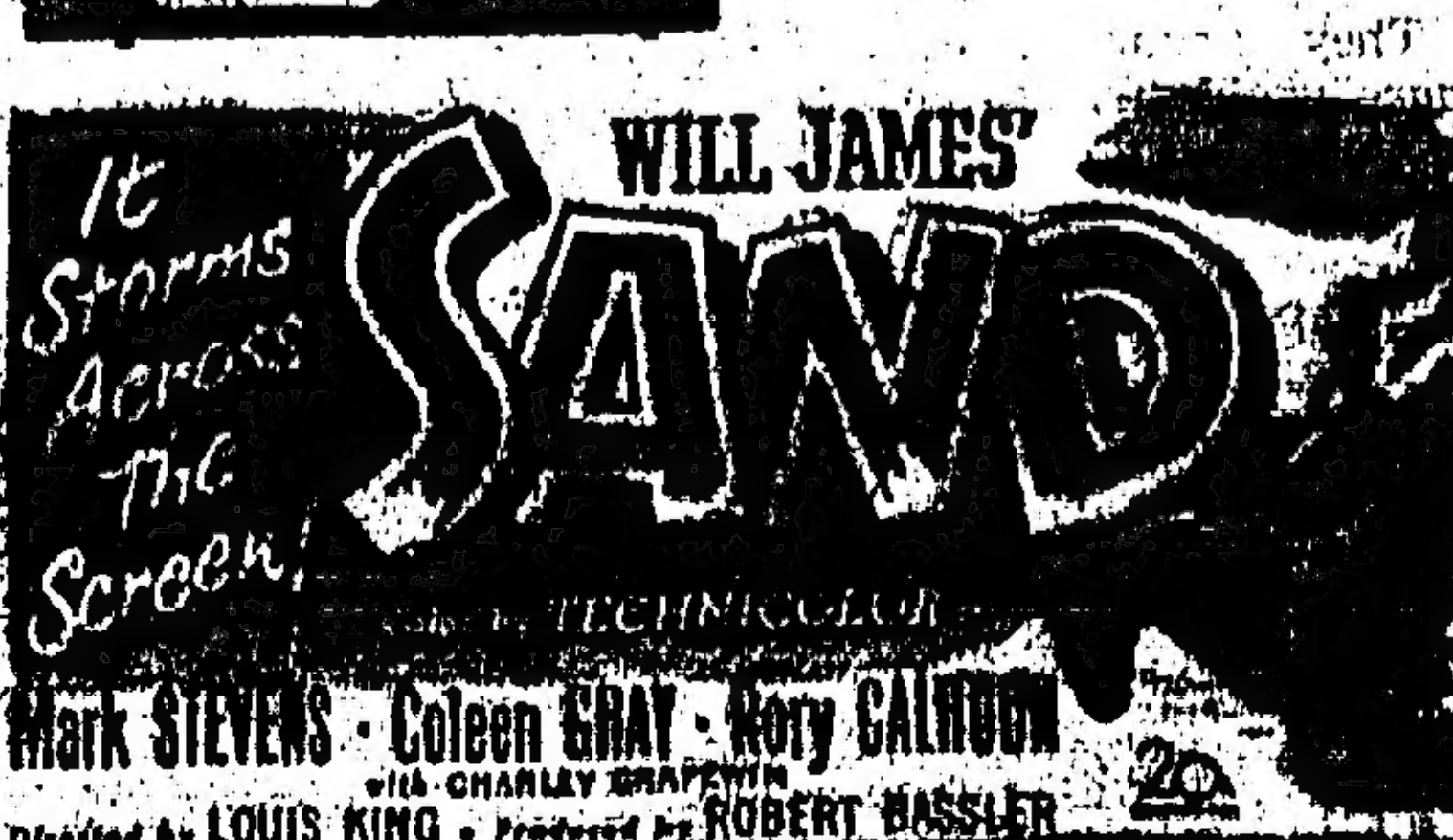


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... ITS PAST SUCCESSES AND FAILURES... AND DOES IT NOW NEED REMODELLING AS AN INSTRUMENT OF SECURITY?

I suggest one key defect shielded the most damaging spy in history

WHO was the most damaging single spy in all our history?

Undoubtedly Dr Klaus Fuchs—the man now undergoing sentence for betraying atomic secrets to Russia.

I suggest that the fact he was able to carry on his work unmolested for six years reveals a key defect in Britain's security organisation. I mean the danger of breakdown in liaison due to the fact that there is no single over-riding security authority.

For the most surprising discovery awaiting the man who investigates Britain's security set-up is the fact that it consists of no fewer than seven separate under-cover agencies of which M.I.5 is probably the smallest.

Each agency has grown up independently, is separately staffed, and is responsible to a different Minister.

Thus M.I.5—which, though its name suggests the 5th Division, Military Intelligence, has no direct Army connections—reports

by CHAPMAN PINCHER who has been assembling for this page this week an estimate of Britain's security system—all the facts it's safe to print.

directly to the Prime Minister. The Special Branch, largely overlapping M.I.5, is responsible to the Home Secretary.

Official answers to my inquiries show there is no over-all Director of Security and no central clearing house for information. If Special Branch detectives discover information which they think should interest M.I.5, they pass it on. Otherwise they file it at Scotland Yard.

In the same way M.I.5 officials seem to monopolise information they believe to be of value to their department alone. The three Forces' Intelligence agencies have their own information sections, and so on.

THIS filing away of facts in separate organisations is a dangerous weakness, in my view.

It immediately raises the question: How many Intelligence disasters have been due not so much to lack of information as to failure to have all the facts together so that they could be properly assessed?

And, in more particular detail, it raises the question: Why was Fuchs never fully investigated when his name came up in connection with the Canadian spy network four years before he was arrested?

The suggestion that maybe the right department was not informed may seem ridiculous. But there is no disputing the fact that although M.I.5 agents had repeatedly cleared Fuchs on the information at their disposal, the dossier kept at the Home Office recorded his connections with the Communist underground in Germany.

Now what happens about liaison in the other security departments?

The Supply Ministry security men call in M.I.5 only when they themselves decide they should. But surely when a department, itself responsible for

security, calls in an outside agency with the same function it is clearly an admission of failure. So the human thing to do is to put off such action in the hope that matters will eventually straighten out.

Consider the recent case of the sabotaged ammunition barges at Gosport. Naval Intelligence officers kept details to themselves for 11 days. By the time they called in the Special Branch it was too late to catch the saboteurs.

The Pontecorvo mystery provides another instance of tardy co-operation. More than a fortnight went by before Harwell security authorities told the Secret Service that Pontecorvo had overstayed leave abroad.

And it was eight weeks before M.I.5 agents searched the professor's abandoned house near Harwell.

I FOUND evidence of a further human factor. Each secret agency has its own traditions and, naturally enough, is jealous of its reputation.

This would not matter if each agency had different duties. But

they have not. All are to some extent concerned with both Intelligence and security, and the result is a certain amount of rivalry.

During the Pontecorvo affair, the Special Branch took the unusual step of announcing that it was not connected with the case. Was this simply to underline the fact that the professor's disappearance was some other department's mistake?

ANOTHER cause for concern, I suggest, is the extreme sensitivity of M.I.5 to criticism. M.I.5 officials insist that their organisation is so secret that it should never be mentioned. This attitude does nothing to strengthen security.

Clearly the active agents of M.I.5 must hide their identity. But attempts to suppress all mention of the department only suggest they may have other things to hide.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the American security outfit, which does the job of both M.I.5 and the Special Branch, makes no secret of its existence or methods. Yet its efficiency does not seem to suffer.

It can be argued that criticisms of departments which cannot easily answer back are unfair. But such criticisms are surely justified when the departments concerned form the nation's first line of defence in an age when one surprise attack might be decisive.

THE SET-UP—and the men who run it

Work is divided into three main sections..... thus:

1 THE COLLECTION of knowledge about foreign countries and about people—British or alien—who may influence the safety of the nation.

Perhaps 90 percent of such Intelligence comes from "open" sources abroad—newspapers, technical journals, public speeches, military displays, and gossip. Much of it is reported by the Forces attaches working at British Embassies. The ten percent from "closed" sources is supplied by the Secret Seven.

2 The routine preservation of the State's own secrets—details of new weapons, factories, troop dispositions, and political moves.

This involves the screening of individuals, measures against careless talk, the guarding of secret establishments, documents, and equipment. Whenever practicable work is arranged so that the minimum number of people have access to all the details of any project.

3 Counter-espionage work to control the activities of known foreign agents and to deal with people guilty of "leakages."

This is the more romantic side of security work. It involves the shadowing of suspected persons, the use of agents as decoys, the setting of security traps, the discreet censorship of letters, and the tapping of telephone talks.

Arrests are rare in security work except in flagrant cases because the authorities usually prefer to know rather than act.

They argue that it is more profitable to curb the

activities of known agents than to arrest them and have them rapidly replaced by others who would be unknown.

Britain's "Fourth Arm"—the Service name for the security set-up—consists of seven independent agencies. These are:—

1 M.I.5, staffed by civilians—lawyers, ex-police officials, and ex-Service officers—is responsible for home security. Its agents watch spies, screen people for secret jobs, and track down leaks of information. They have no powers of arrest and so eventually turn their successful cases over to the Special Branch.

It was M.I.5 which discovered that Hitler's consul in Liverpool was using his consulate as a spy agency. He was eventually ordered home. His chief spy, Joseph Kelly, was arrested.

It was M.I.5 agents who decoyed U. boats to their destruction off the Welsh coast by sending messages to Berlin under the code number of a captured spy.

It was M.I.5 which should have caught the ex-German atom spy Dr Klaus Fuchs before

he gave the secrets of the atom bomb to Russia.

2 The Special Branch of Scotland Yard largely duplicates the duties of M.I.5 but specialises in watching aliens and political agitators. Its detectives are also responsible for the safety of royalty and key officials.

It was Special Branch men who photographed 35 Nazi agents in Britain by following them through the streets in a tradesman's van carrying a cine-camera operating through a small hole.

This speeded the rounding-up of these agents when war started. All were caught within 48 hours.

It was the Special Branch who should have arrested the German naval officer who lived near Scapa Flow naval base, disguised as a Dutch watchmaker for 12 years. On information he gave to Berlin the battleship Royal Oak was sunk by a U boat with the loss of 834 men.

3 The Secret Service—a £3,000,000-a-year organisation of spies and agents operating abroad—is run by the Foreign Office under a civilian chief whose name cannot be disclosed. Agents send in reports of new weapons, troop movements, fac-

tory construction, and activities of foreign spies. They also send in political information which is analysed by a special Foreign Office Intelligence unit.

It was brilliant Secret Service planning which got a British agent on to the staff of the Nazi spy school near Hamburg.

It was first-class Secret Service work which enabled the R.A.F. to raid the German rocket station at Peenemunde on the night of a mass meeting of technicians.

It was a Secret Service failure which enabled the valet of the British Ambassador in Turkey to steal vital secrets and sell them to Germany.

4 Supply Ministry Security is the youngest, but one of the biggest and most important departments. It is responsible for home security on atomic energy, guided missiles, aircraft development, radar, germ warfare, explosives, guns, and tanks.

It covers Woolwich Arsenal and every other giant ordnance factory. Its agents operate inside every important private firm carrying out Government contracts.

There is no full-time security chief in the Supply Ministry. The Permanent Secretary, Sir Archibald Rowlands, has to do the job along with his huge administrative task.



Sir Percy Sillitoe is M.I.5's ex-police chief. Drews £3,000 a year. is aged 62.
General A. C. Short—the Army's Director of Military Intelligence—was Ex-Spanish officer Ex-Spanish.
Commander Leonard Burt, Special Branch head, Ex-Yard, once Air Attaché murder squad.
Air Vice-Marshal N. C. Ogilvie, Ex-Force, once Air Attaché in the U.S.S.R.
Rear Admiral E. Longley-Cook, Ex-Force, once in an aircraft.
The Secret Service chief is a recently escaped bomb planter whose identity cannot be repeated here.

The share-out of duties among THE SECRET SEVEN

5 Military Intelligence—the Army's own Intelligence system, made up of more than a dozen "M.I." divisions located in the War Office, M.I.10, for instance, is the technical division dealing with information on foreign weapons.

6 Naval Intelligence gathers information on foreign warship and weapon development. It also covers security in the Royal Navy's ships, dockyards, barracks, and secret establishments.

7 Air Intelligence deals with all foreign aeronautical developments and keeps a huge library of aerial photographs. It also covers security inside the R.A.F. (London Express Service.)

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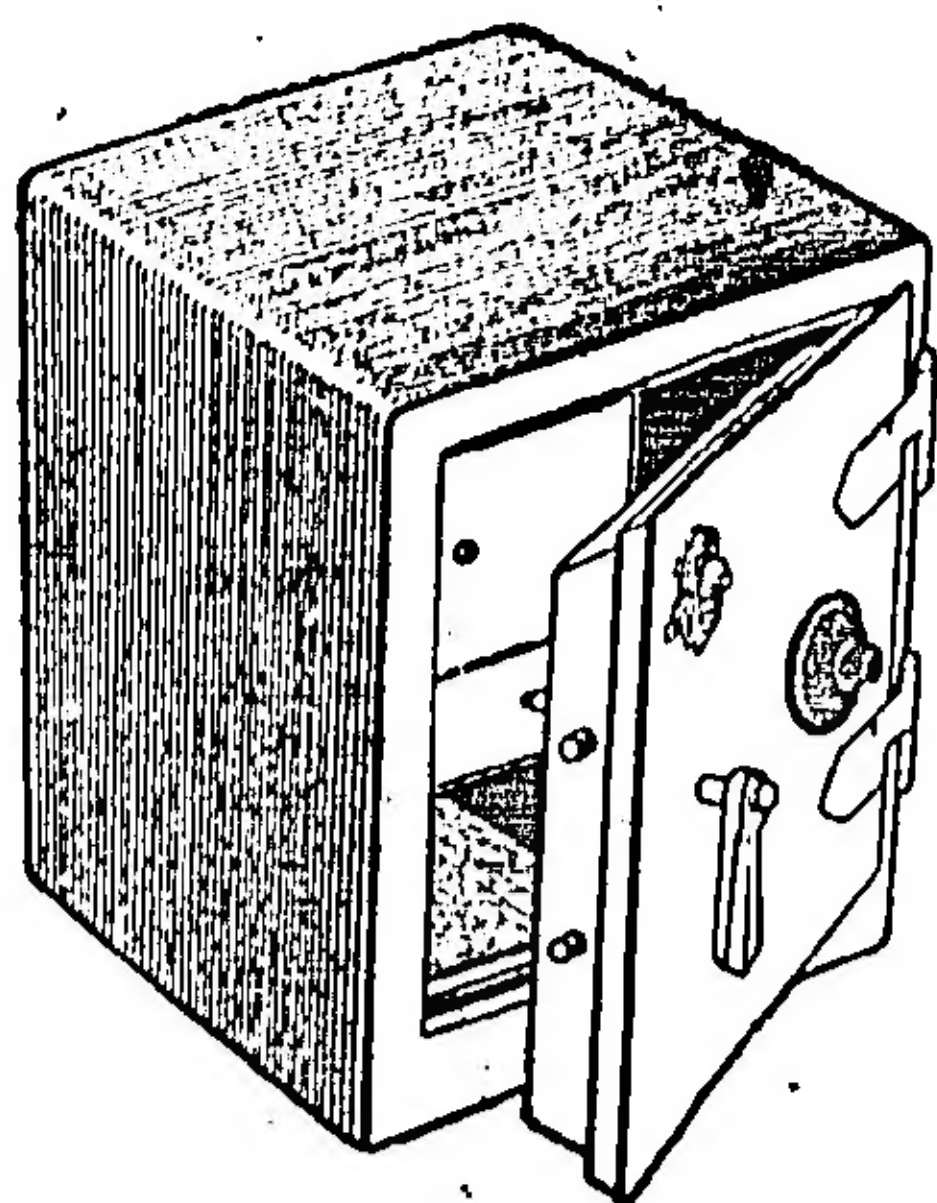


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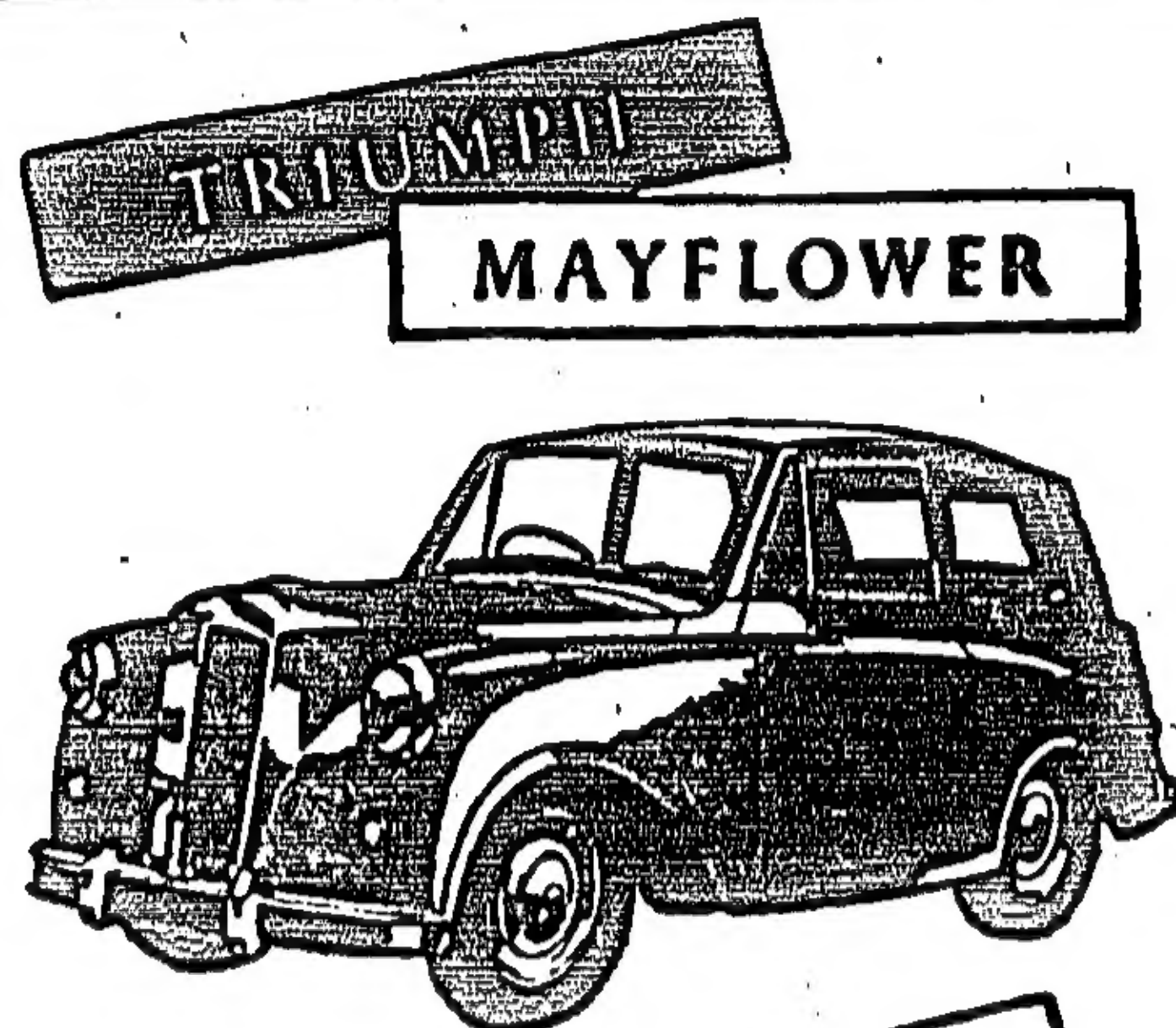
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Case-book of Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C. Chapter 6

THE CASE OF THE TALKING MONGOOSE

THE sensational slander action brought by Mr Richard Stanton Lambert against Sir Cecil Levita in 1936, became known as "The Case of the Talking Mongoose."

Like many other slander actions it began as an absurdity, but once it got out of hand it developed almost into a tragedy, partly because it need never have been fought.

A little generosity, perhaps even a little common sense, might have put an end to the whole controversy, but neither was forthcoming and the action was fought to the bitter end.

Sir Cecil Levita must have suffered great mental distress as well as enormous financial loss, and the British Prime Minister found it necessary to appoint a Parliamentary Commission to inquire into the circumstances which came to light during the trial.

Mr Lambert was the Editor of *The Listener*, an official BBC publication, and he was also a member of the Council of the British Film Institute, financed by the Government, to produce educational films, and closely associated with the BBC, so closely, indeed, that Mr Lambert could sit on the Council only with the BBC's knowledge and consent.

Lady Levita, Sir Cecil's wife, also sat on the Council, and was well acquainted with Mr Lambert, with whom she was on excellent terms.

Two incidents

For some reasons Mr Lambert had incurred the animosity of certain people in the film trade who asked the BBC to withdraw their consent to Mr Lambert's continued presence on the Council. In consequence Lady Levita suggested that Mr Lambert should consult her husband.

Sir Cecil Levita was a gentleman of considerable influence having been chairman of the London County Council, and he warmly supported Mr Lambert's cause. He arranged a luncheon appointment with a Mr Gladstone Murray, Mr Lambert's immediate superior, and urged that it would be nothing short of a calamity if the BBC withdrew their consent to Mr Lambert remaining on the Film Council.

In a letter of thanks to Sir Cecil, Mr Lambert expressed his gratitude by stating: "But for your weighty intervention I should have had to send in my resignation."

Not long afterwards two incidents occurred which played an important part in the subsequent trial. Mr Lambert was acquainted with a Mr Harry Price, Secretary of the London Council for Psychical Research, who had been told a strange story by a farmer in the Isle of Man, who claimed to have received a visit from a remarkable mongoose.

Also sang

According to the farmer this mongoose possessed the power of speech; it not only spoke English but many foreign tongues varying from Flemish to Hindustani, and, not content with these accomplishments, it was accustomed to sing nursery rhymes, and occasionally burst into dance. It could also change itself into a cat.

From further information supplied, it appeared that this versatile mongoose was 38 years old, and answered to the name of Jeff.

Not unnaturally these peculiarities aroused the interest of the Institute of Psychical Research. Mr Price decided to make a personal investigation and paid a visit to the "Isle of Man," taking with him an independent witness his friend Mr Lambert.

Needless to say, the visit was unimpressive; no mongoose manifested itself, and such manifestations as occurred were related by Mr Price in a book called *The Haunting of Cashmere Gap*, to which Mr Lambert added three chapters of speculation on how the fraud was perpetrated.

And there, but for the subsequent slander action, the matter might well have passed into oblivion.

Next step

The only other incident of importance was connected with a subscription of £100 paid by Mr Price into the funds of the British Film Institute, and a holiday visit to Germany taken by Mr Price and Mr Lambert together.

The next step in the unfortunate story was the estrangement between Mr Lambert and the Levitas. The cause was never made quite clear, but undoubtedly a serious difference of opinion arose between Lambert and Lady Levita about the desirability of re-

taining in the service of the Institute a gentleman on whom they held decided and opposing views, and it may well be that the dispute caused Sir Cecil to change his previous high opinion of Mr Lambert.

Whatever the reason, Sir Cecil decided to withdraw the sponsorship which he had expressed to Gladstone Murray, and again invited Mr Murray to lunch.

At that lunch Sir Cecil displayed such a remarkable change of view about Mr Lambert and expressed that view in such extreme terms, that Mr Murray felt it his duty to convey those terms to Mr Lambert.

Tapped head

According to Murray, Sir Cecil had said that Lambert was mentally unbalanced, and that the BBC ought to withdraw their consent to his continuing to act on the Council of the Film Institute.

He said Lambert was a believer in the occult, and instanced the fact that Lambert had expressed belief in the existence of the Talking Mongoose.

While speaking, Sir Cecil was said to have tapped his forehead significantly to emphasise Mr Lambert's mental condition. He also told Murray that Lambert had given up his home on more than one occasion in fear of "the evil eye."

Sir Cecil also criticised Mr Lambert's use of money belonging to the Institute, even suggesting that some part of the £100 subscribed by Price had been used by Lambert on his own holiday.

He ended by saying that probably the only way to get Lambert off the Council was to get the BBC to withdraw their consent, and that he, Levita, would have to inform Mr R. C. Norman, the chairman of the BBC.

Mr Lambert, not unnaturally, was incensed by these suggestions, and immediately wrote to Sir Cecil, giving the substance of what Mr Murray had told him, and demanding an apology and nothing more.

An apology

It was an eminently reasonable request. If Mr Murray had accurately reported the conversation, an apology was the least Sir Cecil could have done to make amends; if the report was caused by some misunderstanding, why in the world was not the mistake corrected?

The judge asked that question himself at the trial. "Why," he asked Levita, "didn't you ask these two gentlemen to meet you at another lunch and say: 'I never said these things and, of course, I never meant them?'"

But nothing of the sort occurred. Instead, Mr Lambert received a letter from a firm of solicitors which made his position infinitely worse and became the subject of serious comment at the trial.

They wrote: "We understand that the matters to which you refer are being discussed tomorrow by high officials of the British Broadcasting Corporation, and we suggest that the whole matter should wait over until after the discussion has taken place."

What in the world could such a letter mean? How could Sir Cecil Levita's solicitors know that high officials of the BBC were discussing the matter unless Sir Cecil himself had told his solicitors? And how could the officials know anything about it unless Sir Cecil had told them?

Writ issued

Having regard to the grave importance of the subsequent action, the writ was issued on the date of March 2, 1936.

A few days later Sir Cecil himself wrote to Mr Lambert disputing the accuracy of Mr Murray's statements, but saying that if he had repeated gossip about Mr Lambert he was quite prepared to apologise. As an expression of regret or withdrawal this letter was considered quite unsatisfactory, and a writ for slander was issued.

Sir Cecil's formal defence to the claim made against him was astounding, particularly having regard to his quasi-apology. He pleaded, first, that he had not spoken the words complained of; secondly, that if he had the words were privileged; and, lastly, that the allegations made against Mr Lambert were true.

To slanders person may, or may not, be a serious offence, and one for which a complete apology may be a sufficient atonement. But to persist in a serious slander to the extent of maintaining that if the words were spoken they were true, turns what may be a comparatively unimportant matter into one of the utmost gravity, somewhat curious when

From the outset of the proceedings Sir Cecil had placed himself in great difficulty; the words he was alleged to have spoken while tapping his forehead to emphasise their significance undoubtedly meant that Mr Lambert was, in vulgar parlance, "cracked"; that he was not honest, and was not fit to retain his position on the Council.

Sir Cecil had taken on himself the burden of proving those allegations to be true. Did he himself believe them? If he did, it might be thought more likely that he had said those words: if he did not believe them, his plea of privilege must disappear, because no one can be privileged in saying words which he knows are untrue.

Memorandum

A still more surprising fact was brought to Mr Lambert's notice during the preparation of the case—a fact which immeasurably increased his indignation. He was informed that Sir Cecil Levita had carried out his threat to communicate the slanders to Mr Norman and Sir Stephen Tallents, two influential members of the BBC.

Mr Lambert was shown a memorandum, prepared by one of them, to the effect that if Mr Lambert persisted in his action against Levita, his prospects with the BBC would be greatly prejudiced.

If Sir Cecil had endeavoured to bring about that result the gravity of the situation could not be exaggerated; but Mr Lambert could not prove it. The memorandum could not be used against Sir Cecil as he was not a party to it, and unless he admitted the allegation to cross-examination the matter could not be pursued. Everything must depend on his evidence, and it is perhaps not surprising that Mr Lambert awaited the hearing with some anxiety.

The action was tried before Mr Justice Swift and a special jury.

Mr Gladstone Murray proved the words alleged to have been spoken to him by Sir Cecil Levita and the significant manner in which he had tapped his forehead while speaking, and he was not shaken in cross-examinations.

Highly strung

Then Mr Lambert gave evidence. He was quite definite that there was no word of truth in any of Sir Cecil's allegations; he did not believe in the occult, nor in the Talking Mongoose; he had never left any of his homes in consequence of "the evil eye"; he had never even lived at Cobham, and it was quite untrue that he had ever spent any of Price's £100 on himself.

The cross-examination of Mr Lambert did not carry the case much further; it consisted largely of an inquiry into the peculiarities of the Talking Mongoose.

Counsel for Sir Cecil did not suggest that Lambert was mad, but that he was highly strung, inconsistent and not well balanced, and based his suggestion on the allegations that Lambert believed in the mongoose and had told Sir Cecil of his belief.

Any discussion on this ridiculous animal was bound to arouse hilarity, in which the judge took part, and to this point the audience in court enjoyed themselves enormously.

Mr Lambert left the box with his evidence unshaken, and it was obvious that feeling throughout the court was strongly in his favour.

When Sir Cecil Levita gave evidence, the atmosphere changed from farce to drama. He was not a particularly impressive witness, a good deal of his evidence appeared to be irrelevant, and his account of his conversation with Mr Murray was somewhat diffuse.

Evil eye

He denied that he used most of the words in the alleged slander; he said the reference to "the evil eye" was more gossip, and, while denying that he had topped his forehead, he appeared anxious to explain a possible misunderstanding by saying that he suffered from pains in the head.

He particularly denied the important allegation against him that he had threatened to go to Mr Norman, and also made the charge of the utmost gravity, somewhat curious when

that it was Mr Murray who first made the suggestion that "Lambert is a curious fellow"—a suggestion that had never been made before.

Then came Sir Cecil's turn to be cross-examined, and he did not appear to find the questions quite so easy to answer as those he had been asked by his own counsel.

If a man spoke to you about a friend and interspersed his observations by tapping his forehead and saying "you know," what would you understand that to mean?—I saw a film a few days ago, where the tapping of the head...

Did you hear my question?—I am not interested in your film experience. What would you understand him to mean?—I said that that is the conventional sign.

Third time

I will ask you once more. What would you understand him to mean?—To mean that he was lacking in intelligence.

That he was out of his mind?—Not necessarily.

You realise, do you not, that at some time your evidence may have to be criticised before the jury? Just think once more. What would you understand him to mean?—That he was out of his mind.

Supposing, in addition to that, he said: "He has moved his home several times because of pursuits by 'the evil eye,'" what would you understand by that?—I should say it was a most fantastic statement.

I will ask you again. What would you understand by that?—I should not believe him.

I will ask you a third time. What would you understand by that?—That he was superstitious.

And if, while speaking, the speaker tapped his forehead significantly?—I have already said that according to Mr Murray...

What would you understand him to mean? Do face it.—That he was lacking in mental balance.

That he was cracked?—Yes. But I did not do these things. At the date of this lunch did you honestly believe that Mr Lambert was out of his mind?—No. Nor did I say it.

End of defence

Did you believe that Mr Lambert was no longer fit to be a Governor of the Film Institute?—No. Nor did I say it.

Have you ever honestly believed it?—No.

So that if you did in fact say it to Mr Murray, you were saying what you did not believe to be true?

That was an end of any defence there might be under a claim of privilege, but there remained the far more important question of the memorandum prepared by the BBC, which Sir Cecil Levita knew of its existence it could not be used in evidence, and it was to ascertain that fact that we had been waiting. The next questions would decide.

Mr Murray has told us that you stated that if Mr Lambert did not cease to be a Governor of the Film Institute you would go and see Mr Norman of the BBC?—Yes.

Immediately on receiving Mr Lambert's letter of complaint did you go and see Mr Norman at his home?—Yes.

About Mr Lambert?—Yes.

Did you go to Mr Norman with a view to getting him to tell Mr Lambert that, if he brought an action against you, he would be dismissed?

This question was enough to cause a rustle from the reporters' seats; notebooks were reopened and pencils poised; everybody waited for Sir Cecil's answer.

Answer final

He denied the suggestion with indignation. He had never heard such a suggestion before. And his answer was final. To my intense disappointment the memorandum could not be used. And, if the defence had not made what I have always considered to be a grave mistake, it would never have been produced in court.

They decided to call as a witness a Mr Fuller, who was also on the Film Council, and whom I was overjoyed to see, because he had acted as an emissary between Sir Cecil Levita and the BBC and I knew it. His cross-examination changed the whole course of the trial. He was taken at once to the matter I was so anxious to establish.

Do you know the writ in this action is dated March 2?—Yes.

On March 24 did you ask Mr Lambert to lunch?—Yes.

Did Mr Lambert appear to be quite well in health?—Yes. Between these dates had you seen Sir Stephen Tallents of the BBC?—Yes.

Did you go to Sir Stephen Tallents to try and effect a settlement of the action?—Yes. Were you acting as an emissary from Levita?—Yes.

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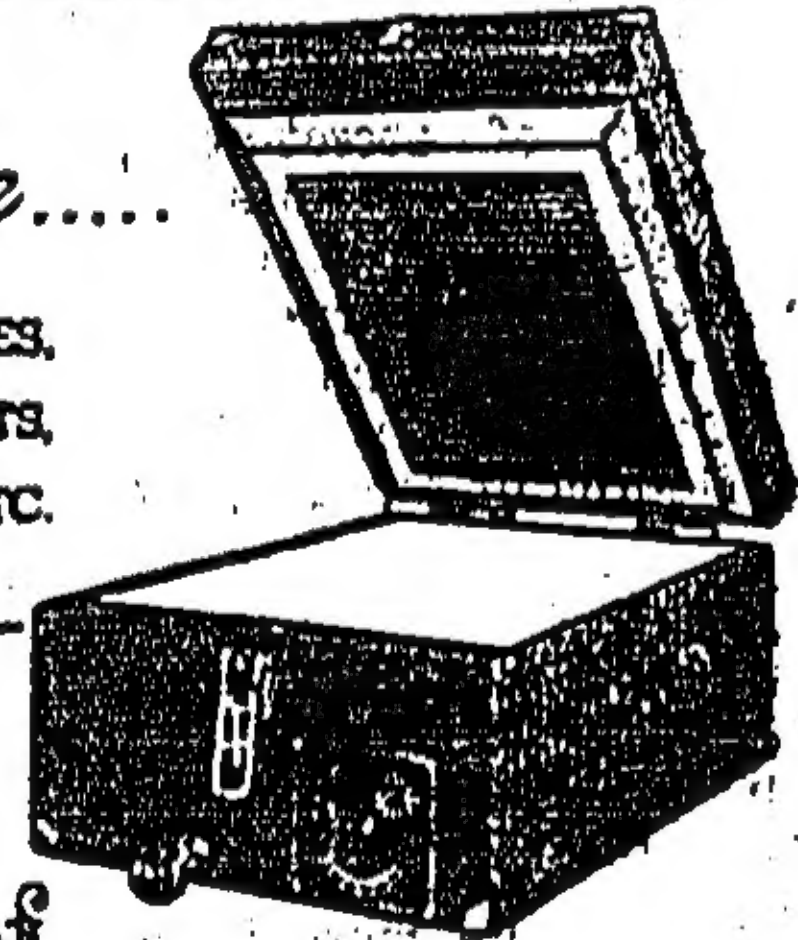
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SENATOR William F. Knowland of California and Mrs. Knowland, who are making an extended tour of the Far East, photographed on their arrival here last week at Kai Tak airport. (Staff Photographer)



THE Governor of Macao, HE Commander Albano Rodrigues de Oliveira (second from left), Madama de Oliveira and Miss Norma de Oliveira, seen with HE the Governor of Hongkong, Sir Alexander Grantham, who met them on their arrival from Macao last week. (Staff Photographer)



THE Acting GOC-in-Chief, Major-General G. C. Evans, inspecting the Hongkong Chinese Training Unit at a passing-out parade at Lyemun Barracks last week. (Staff Photographer)



MRS E. H. Williams presenting prizes at the annual prizegiving of the School for the Deaf last Saturday. In centre is Miss Li Luk-wa, Principal of the School. (Staff Photographer)



YOUNG Martyn Thomas and friends who attended his fifth birthday party last week. (Mao Cheung)



MISS Gloria Siddall, picked by Pan-American Airways as the typical air stewardess, seen at Kai Tak on her arrival last week in the course of a round-the-world flight. To welcome her were (from left) Mr R. J. Hackay, District Traffic Manager of PAA in Hongkong, Mr Don Barrie and Mr Sprague Talbott. (Staff Photographer)



MR G. White, Principal of the Hongkong Technical College, presenting certificates to students of engineering and ship-building classes at the Talkoo Club. (Staff Photographer)



MR Jeffray Kwok and his bride, Miss Irana Sheng, after their wedding last Saturday at St John's Cathedral. (Ming Yuan)



PICTURE taken after the christening of Clara Yun-mai, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold W. Lee. Mrs John Koswick stood proxy for Lady Seymour, the god-mother. (Roy Tsang)



MAJOR-GENERAL L. B. Nicholls (right), managing director of Cable and Wireless, Ltd., with HE the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, and Mr F. S. Coota, divisional manager, at the cocktail party held last Saturday to mark the official opening of Electra House. (Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: The Rev. J. H. Ogilvie, Vicar of St Andrew's Church, tries his hand at the coconut shy at the Diocesan Girls' School bazaar last Saturday. Below: Dancers of the King's Own Scottish Borderers giving a display at the same bazaar. (Staff Photographer).



BELOW: Students of Hongkong schools going through one of the exercises at the mass display held at Sookunpoo in connection with Education Week. (Staff Photographer)

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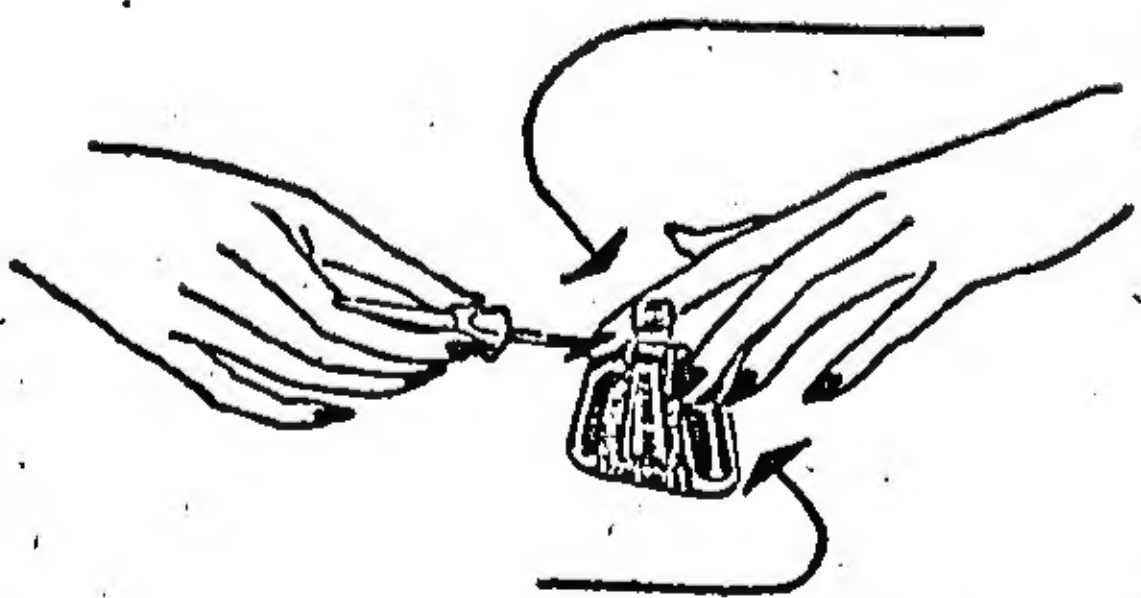
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WEEK-END WOMANSENSE



Balmain's New Collection

By EMILIE TAVEL

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. THE unrestrained elegance of Paris fashions found a new setting in this resort town high in the Alleghenies when Pierre Balmain displayed for guests of the luxurious Greenbrier Hotel his latest French creations.

Such extravaganzas as mink-soled platform shoes and emerald-dyed Persian lamb stoles high-lighted the showing.

Balmain is the first leading French couturier to fly to America his entire collection, many pieces of which Paris itself has not yet seen.

Sporting a yellow sweater, brilliant as the noon sunshine and the frost-tinted mountain foliage behind him, Balmain, who is both youthful and witty, described the details of his designs as models paraded on the first tee of the fashionable Greenbrier links.

Wrap-Around

Wrap-around greatcoats, fuzzy as a poodle and light as the whipped cream clouds overhead, had flowing stoles and were belted tightly at the waist.

A fascinating dress which Balmain insists is a "maut" for comfortable travel had skirt that looks like a skirt but was really trousers discreetly in disguise.

Several long-sleeved, pencil-thin woollen dresses had wrap-around overskirts ideal for a quick change in effect.

Judging from this collection, Balmain's own personal rainbow borrows most of nature's hues. But black—the chic absence of all colour—is his unquestionable favourite. When it is not used alone, he tints it with emerald green, with pink, or with yellow.

Grey Follows Black

Grey is another pet shade. This he uses either alone or with seal brown or occasionally ecorn.

A pretty Paisley design developed in his exclusive Rue Francoix premier salon pops up frequently and in unexpected places—the lining of a stole, a blouse, an evening gown.

His hair, with rare exception, are small and snug. Wool jersey and chiffon make a turban. A

black knit cap he calls his "chimney sweep."

A lavish use of fur characterises Balmain's entire collection. Silver mink dots necks, cuffs, and hem of a black sheath dress. Enormous leopard multi-like cuffs grace a greatcoat.

A genuine show-stopper was a jersey dress with full skirt hiked up slightly on the side to show, of all things, tight fitting knee breeches with leopard cuffs. A variation of this style carried a pocket at the knee, "like the West Pointers," Balmain said.

The magnificent dusty rose ballroom of the Greenbrier proved a perfect backdrop for the most exciting of all Balmain's collection—his after-dark clothes.

Praline Opens Show

Praline, one of the two beautiful models from his Paris shop, opened the show by burlesoning forth from a candy-striped hat box. As the orchestra muted its tones, the models paraded up and down the runway beneath a glittering crystal chandelier which twinkled in the camera's brilliant light.

Black braid by the hundred yards appeared on chiffon, on coats, on dresses. Exquisite gold and jet embroidery (so elaborate some took three weeks to make) decorated skirts, bodices, evening wraps.

Most of Balmain's evening gowns were either strapless or accentuated his newest line, the halter neck. All belts were tiny and, tailored, stoles were rampant, and skirts were either enormously full or knife-thin. Wool jersey with metal thread was found in afternoon and evening gowns.

Own Commentator

Balmain was again his own commentator, and a most entertaining one he was. With arms akimbo (a favourite pose), he wore a red plaid bow tie and a simple navy blue suit, distinguished only by tiny cuffs on the sleeves.

His entire collection will be shown in New York. And not all of them are outside the realm of reason in price, \$85 being about the minimum figure.

These so-called inexpensive dresses are from his boutique collection, which is a sort of bargain basement in a French salon. This originally contained only accessories but was expanded to include ensembles of sufficiently simple design that travellers passing through Paris can, with two fittings, have dresses completed in five days.

London Adopts A "Chinese" Look

By JOAN ERSKINE

LONDON. EVERY now and then we hear of the Eastern influence in dress design or hat styles. This usually heralds a return to straight tight skirts, slit at the sides; high round Chinese collars; short coolie jackets flowing out from a rounded shoulder line; and smooth coiled hair. Hats become small, and sit straight on the head, mandarin-fashion. Women paint their eyes carefully at the corners, endeavour to look tranquil, and behave as their Eastern counterparts probably never would do.

The East is an unfailing source of inspiration to the designer. But why? Probably because the majority of Eastern women have about them an air of dignity and refinement which is difficult to analyse, and extremely tempting to copy. Designers know that Western women will succumb immediately to a tight dress of "Ming Blue" or an evening coat the "colour of delicate Chinese porcelain."

For the first time, however, the influence of Chinese ancestor portraits and traditional costume, which has proved such a boon to dress designers, has shed its kindly light on another facet of the fashion world. The "Chinese Look" has made its appearance in New York. Paris

It was introduced at one of the most colourful parties of the season compered by the Burmese model Saignon, whose Oriental beauty was enhanced by a dazzling black velvet dress and coat designed by Aloysius of Paris. The sheath-like dress, with petal skirt, has an appliqued design of flames on a white ground at the top, and the tight-waisted coat has a dragon worked into the skirt. Her long black hair, elaborately swathed, had an orchid pinned in it.

The models who showed the different colourings were suitable outfits to emphasise the Eastern effect. Illustrated is "Baroque," a short white satin coat with dragon on cuffs and pockets, in gold kid and Peking pink beads. This shows how perfectly the age-old style becomes an English model.



One of the loveliest longer coats, below knee-length, was in Butterfly Wing Blue taffeta with a diamond check of narrow velvet strips all over. A red, blue and gold evening cap went with it. There is an increasing feeling for evening caps of Chinese character, as opposed to the more usual cocktail hats. Often these are authentic reproductions of mandarin hats.

It must not be imagined that the Chinese influence is reserved for evening wear only. Proofed linen and gabardine coats, in natural and stone shades, were cut on classic high-necked lines and worn with tiny black velvet pagoda hats. Ornate gold buckles were used to fasten the necks of these coats.

In London there are many places where small, mandarin

prefer these to imitations, which cost almost as much. But for those who cannot afford this, and do not like the heavy ornamentation, there are many adaptations of the coolie jacket. Saignon wears one in dark green satin, fastened with huge buttons. This type of jacket is usually worn with tight trousers. They serve many purposes. A younger girl can wear a tight skirt beneath one, although normally a full skirt would suit her better. An older woman will like the graceful wide sleeves and high fastenings. And for the expectant mother there was never a more convenient style.

Achieve a slightly Chinese look by: swathing your hair into a switch and making a coil; by wearing a little round collar of velvet, with embroidery and a slit front; by embroidering or braiding the slit edges of your skirt; by removing your shoulder pads and fastening your loose coat high with an old brooch; and by paying scrupulous attention to your hands and face.

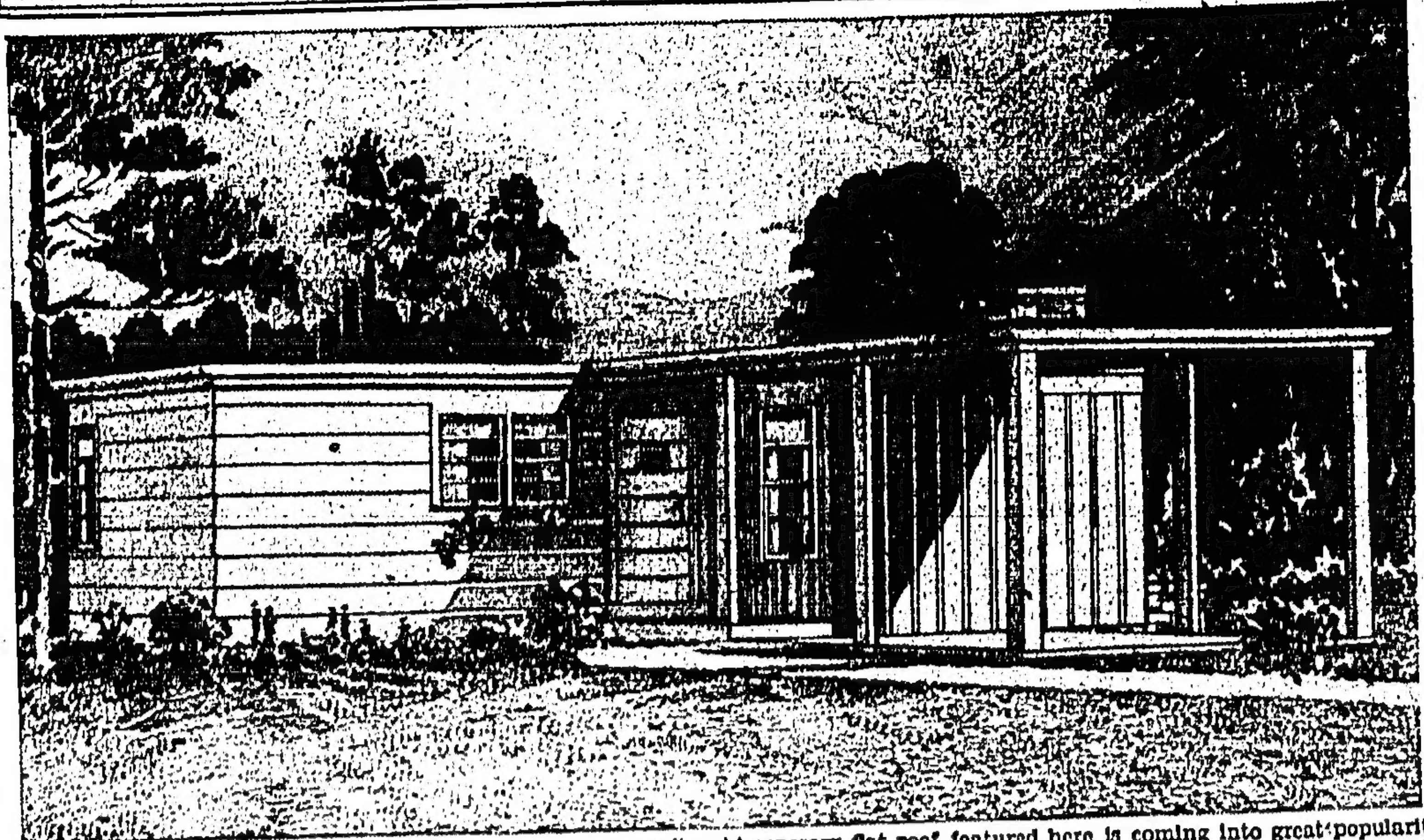
This evening dress in cranberry taffeta for the holiday season appears in the mid season collection of Captain Edward Molyneux, Paris fashion leader for 10 years, who announced on November 9 that he was closing his salon because of falling sight. The skirt is ankle length and very tight, but the shirred flying panels give the impression of voluminous overskirts. The low surplice décolleté is draped on a crescent shaped wire under each arm. A maharajah's necklace of emeralds surrounded by diamonds, and diamond earrings from Van Cleef and Arpels complete the ensemble.

The Last Molyneux Dress



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THIS IS A COMPACT little house but it can grow into a spreading, ranch-type dwelling with the addition of an extra bedroom. The temporary flat roof featured here is coming into great popularity in many areas. Style and simplicity of construction recommend it.

By JOAN O'SULLIVAN

TOMORROW is another day, and when it comes this compact three-room home might not be large enough for a family's needs. That's why the house is planned so that it can easily grow from a small home into a spreading ranch-type dwelling.

If the house is built without a basement, a kitchen door opens onto a back stoop. With a basement, the kitchen has a door leading to the cellar stairway.

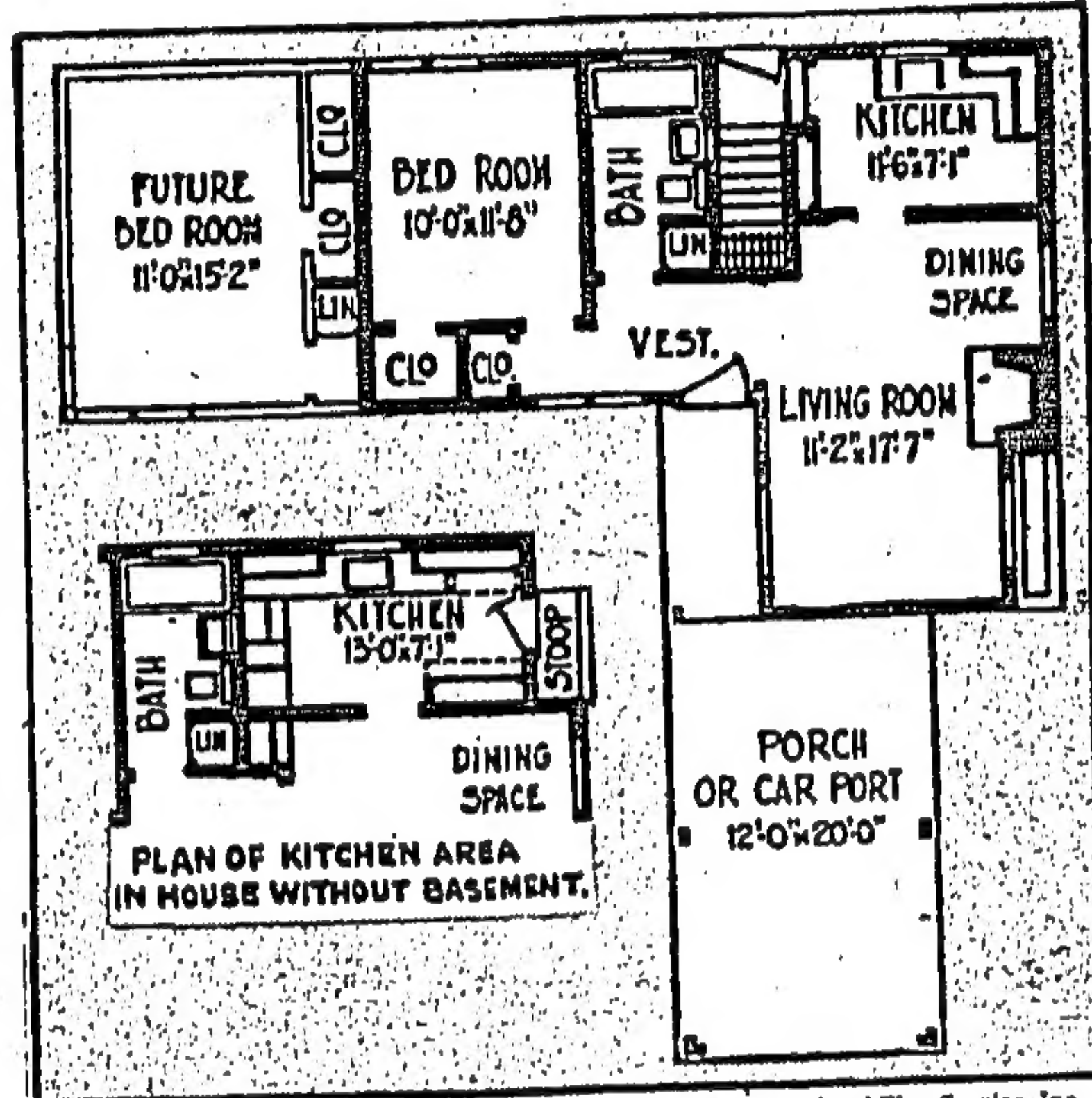
A linen storage unit is provided in the bath. In addition, there's a convenient hall closet opposite the bath, and another closet in the bedroom, which is large enough to accommodate twin beds.

The original house comprises 12,000 cubic feet when built with a basement; without a basement, 9,210 cubic feet. The future bedroom takes up 2,800 cubic feet.

There are three rooms in the original unit. When necessary, an extra bedroom may be added, and the car port can also be screened or glassed in to make an attractive porch.

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WHEN THE HOUSE is built without a basement, the kitchen area is larger and a back porch is added, as shown on small diagram.



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Men, Too, Star At Cooking School

By FREDRIKA BORCHARD

NEW YORK. When Louisa Schwarz, who is director and co-owner with her husband of the Manhattan Baking and Cooking School, was a little girl in Potsdam, Germany, she was told that America was the land of opportunity, and that all its streets were paved with gold. At a kitchen fete, held recently to celebrate the school's 10th birthday, Mrs Schwarz, who, with her husband and son, had fled Hitler's Germany, edited only slightly her childhood's version.

"America," she said, "is indeed the land of opportunity. There is gold, too, or its equivalent in good living, for anyone who is willing to plan and work to acquire it."

USING OPPORTUNITY

The celebration, held in the school's recently purchased building at 140 West 83rd Street, New York City, offered concrete evidence that Mrs Schwarz and her chemist husband had indeed planned and worked in their land of opportunity. The service was characterized by a number of unusual features that had the somewhat party-hardened representatives of press and radio busily taking notes.

Typical hot and cold foods of 12 countries were served at the long table, an assortment of well over a hundred dishes, all prepared by the staff and students of the school, and all taken from the school curriculum. Although many of the dishes were complicated both in preparation and embellishment, others owed their distinction chiefly to originality, and were simple enough to be copied by the most amateur of cooks.

FOR YOUR NOTEBOOK

Pitted green olives, for instance, had been drained of their brine and soaked for several days in an oil flavoured lightly with garlic and heavily with curry. Rice croquettes of quite ordinary appearance proved on opening to be moulded around a well-seasoned liver paste.

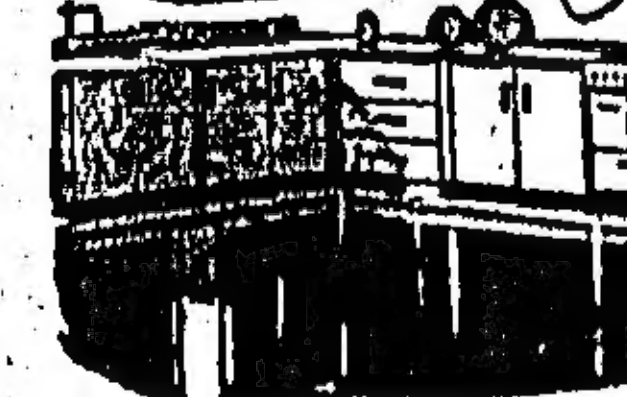
A honeydew melon, scooped and filled with fresh strawberries and balls of its own meat, was decorated on its outer surface with small clusters of strawberries and leaves attached by toothpicks, a flat mat of leaves and berries covering the top, and the whole designed to serve first as centrepiece, later as dessert.

Tiny fried meat balls were fastened by toothpicks, port wine fashion, all over a head of red cabbage into the top of which a very thick lighted candle had been set, the idea being to hold the tidbit in the flame long enough to get it sizzling hot, fun for a children's party, an after-the-game huddle, or an evening's set-together.

The school's staff was assisted by a group of husky young men who proudly identified themselves as "professionals" taught by the school under the GI Bill of Rights. Mrs Schwarz, who is proud of all her pupils, is perhaps just a bit more partial to her GIs, almost 100 of whom attend class daily.

Outstanding among the latter is the Indian, Ayub Miah, who, solely on the strength of her teaching, is making a success of his own restaurant, the "Bengal Gardens," and Jacques Moreno, the Chinese boy, with the half-French, half-Spanish name, who as chef-cook on a U.S. battleship is just another American in the service of his country.

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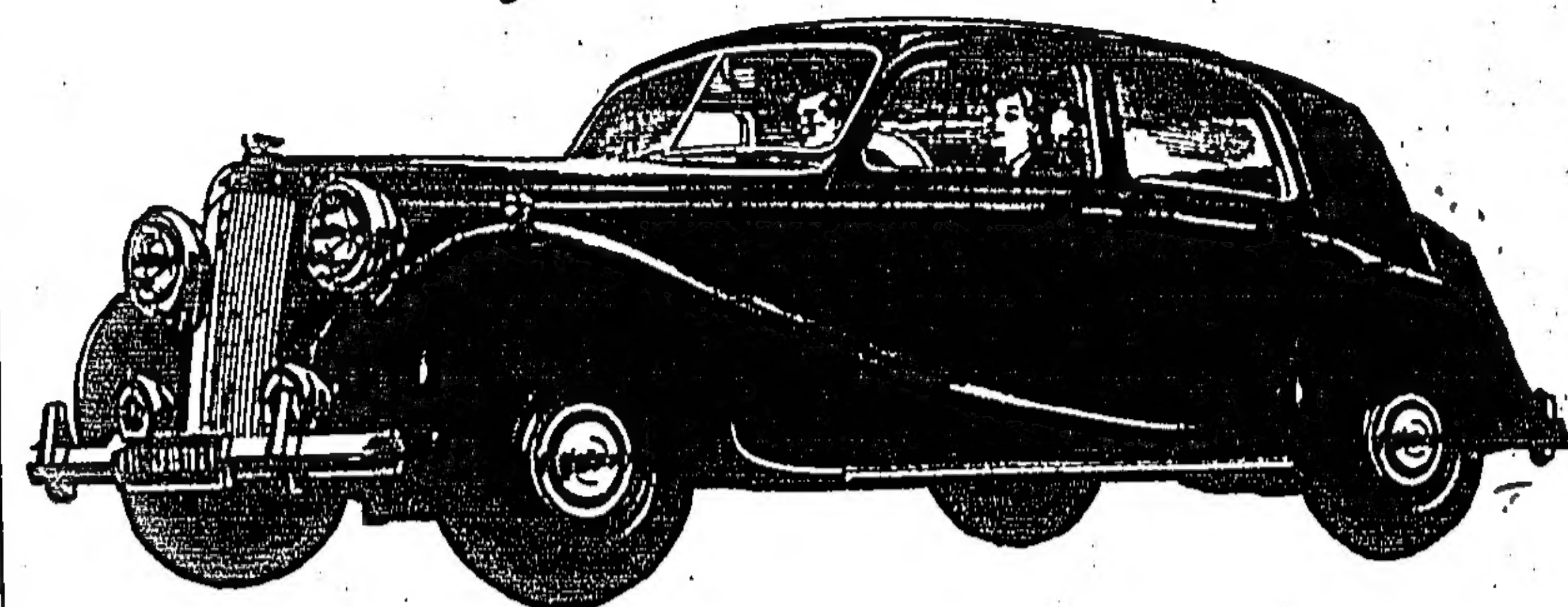
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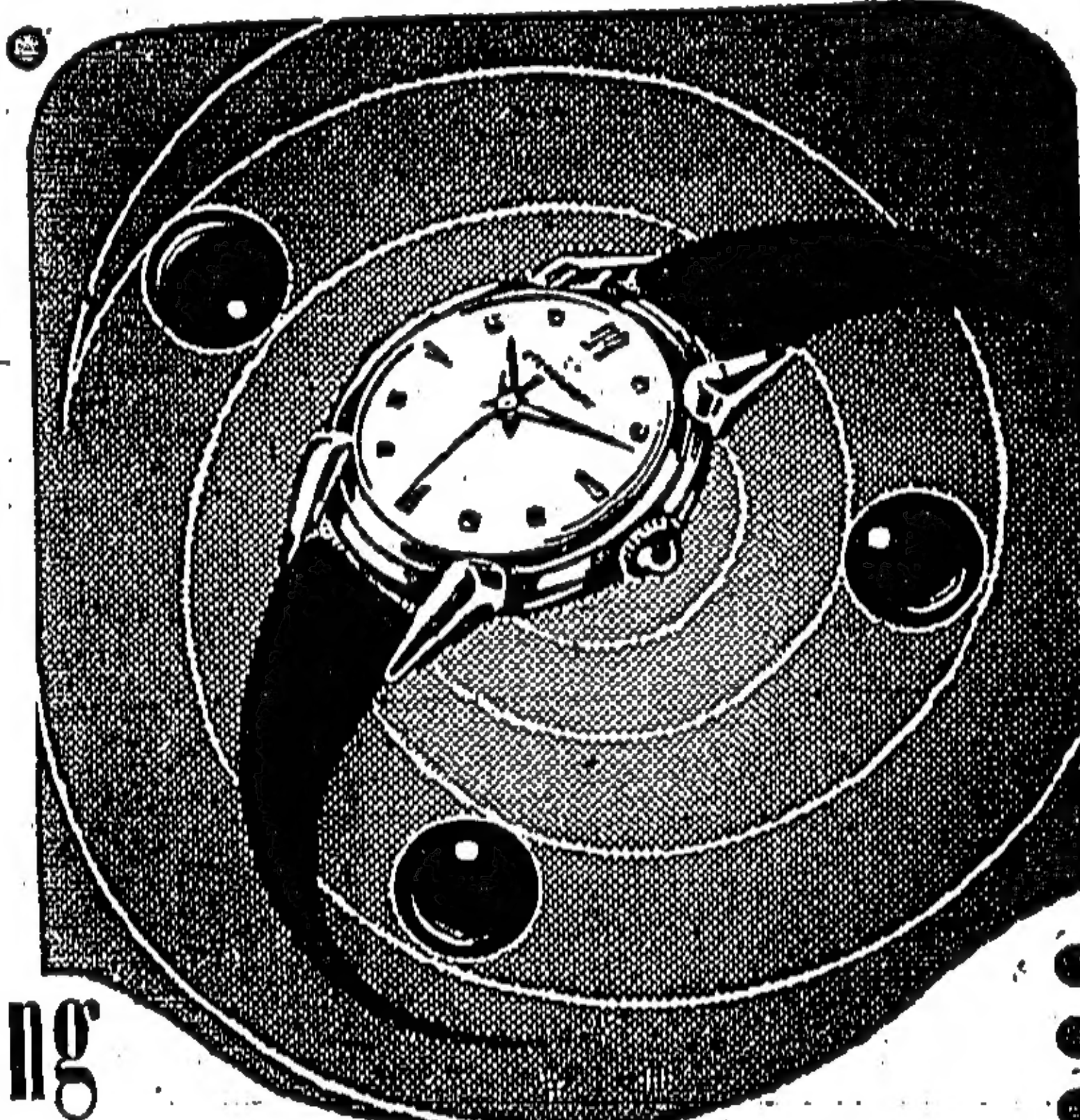


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A Baby's Feeding Schedule

By Garry Cleveland Myers

WE observed the good emphasis in recent years on providing more love and affection for the infant and young child, especially by his mother. Accordingly, the young mother not only is approved in her normal impulse to cuddle the baby and young child, but is also urged to cultivate this impulse.

Moreover, she is encouraged by certain experts never to let him cry when by taking him up, holding and feeding him, she can prevent or stop his crying.

We have seen how by the self-demand method of feeding the infant the mother can more easily, especially during his early days and weeks, provide him with means of affection.

Then we observed the problem facing the mother in guiding this infant, as he grows older, to conform to certain regulations which family life will inevitably impose. Just how long shall the baby have what he wants when he wants it? If at six months a year, two years, he is expected to wait or to conform to some regulations, how will he escape feeling he is not truly loved?

Granted that to let the newborn infant decide when he shall be fed can have great merit in helping him arrive at a schedule best suited to his individual nutritional needs, suppose no regular schedule has been derived by the time this child is three months, or nine months of age. Or

this youngster indicates by his cries many new demands other than for food as he grows older. Shall they be always immediately satisfied? Shall all his demands also at three years, five, or older also be satisfied?

Suppose at three he decides that he shall stay up till his mother retires, that she shall lie down with him in his bed or he will sleep next her? Won't he feel he is denied her love if she denies him all such wishes? Thousands of young mothers fretting over this problem are having their infants and young children sleep with them.

Any child brought up well will have to experience some frustrations and some temporary feelings that he is not being loved. He won't always have what he wants when he wants it. The practical problem is so to guide and train him that he will have in the long run the fewest possible frustrations.

Therefore, I propose that in applying the self-demand method of feeding the infant, the goal be for the youngster to have arrived at a rather regular schedule by the end of a month or so and thereafter to have this schedule revised from time to time with the advice of the pediatrician; that this child be gradually being denied such newly-expressed wants or whims which arise that the mother's common sense prompts her to deny him; that moreover, this mother try less to show him affection by letting him have what he wants when he wants it, and try more to provide him with affection in the form of approval, and in tenderness toward him at



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SCENE from "Elizabeth Refuses," which students of the Ying Wa Girls' School produced last week as their offering in the inter-schools dramatic competition.



MR J. H. Lee, Mr A. Drummond, HE the Governor and Mr A. Ritchie soon at the Chartered Accountants' Association dinner at the Hongkong Club last week. (Staff Photographer)



MR Sardarni Jogindra Singh, Indian Trade Commissioner (second from left), with some members of the Indian community in Hongkong who gave a cocktail party to welcome him at the Hongkong Hotel last week. (Staff Photographer)



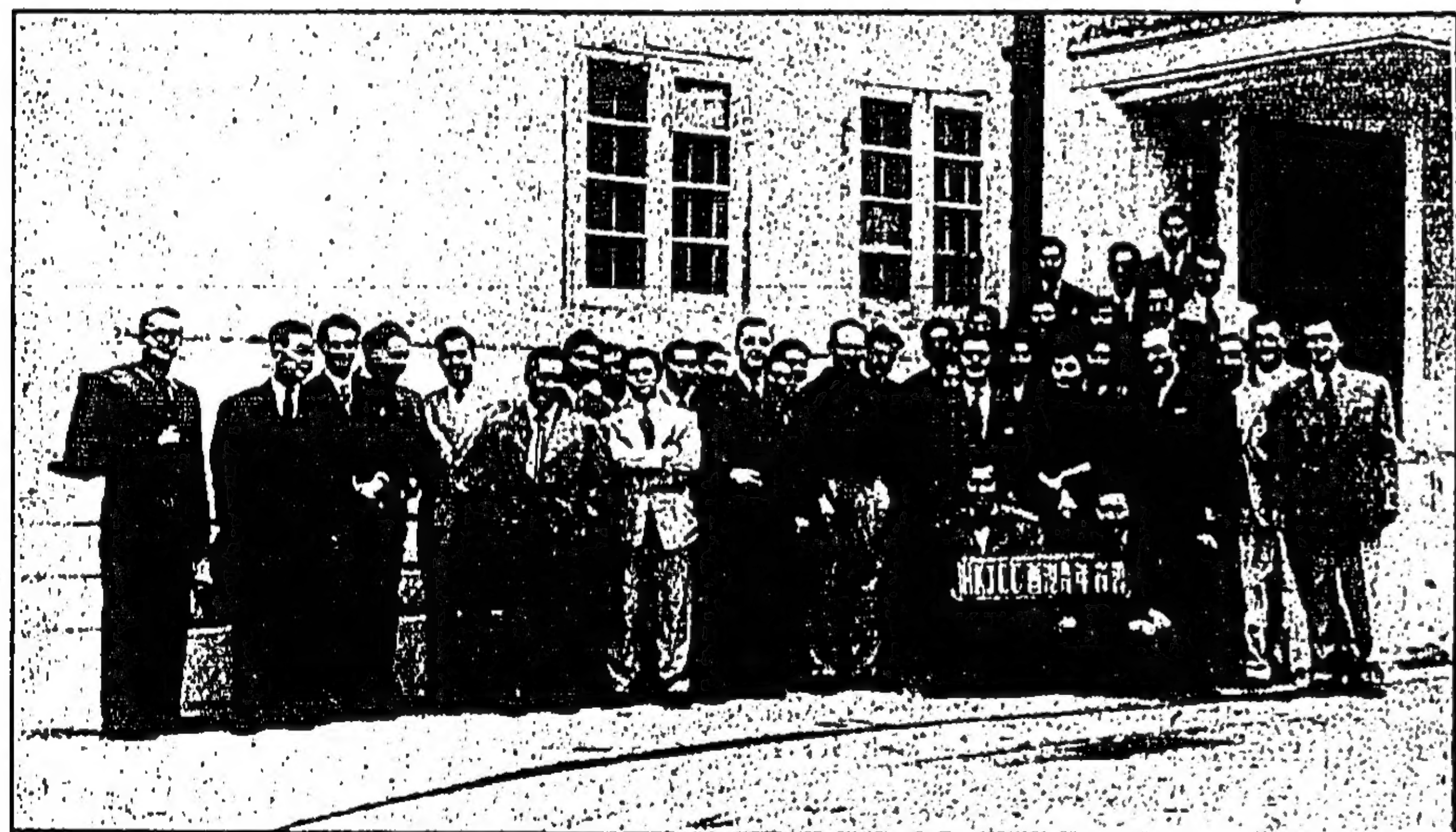
GROUP photograph taken on the occasion of the wedding of Mr John Alfred Liu and Miss Lai Pui-ching, which took place at the Registry on Tuesday. (Golden Studio)



RIGHT: Members of the YWCA Business Girls' Club who attended their annual dance held at the Peninsula Hotel last week. (Ming Yuan)



THE Commodore of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, Mr N. V. A. Croucher, helping Lady Grantham ashore when she and HE the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, went to Kollat Island last Saturday to attend the centenary regatta ball. (Staff Photographer)



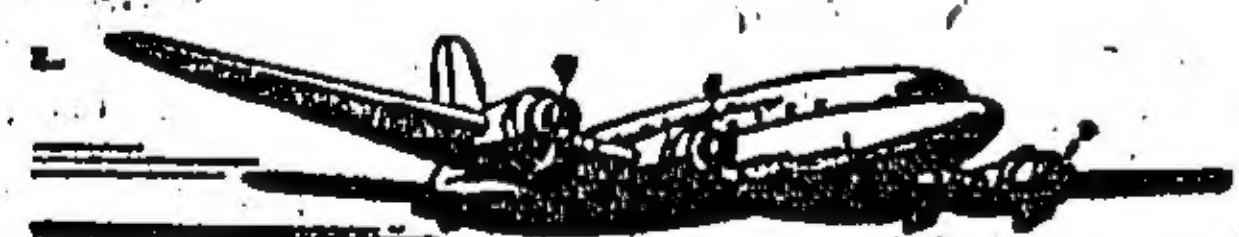
MEMBERS of the Junior Chamber of Commerce photographed last Saturday on their visit to the San Miguel Brewery.



LEFT: Mr Mok Fai-chung, city editor of the Kung Sheung Daily News, and Miss Esther Leung, whose wedding took place at the Registry on Tuesday.

THE Taikoo Night School team which won the schools seven-a-side soccer at Happy Valley last Sunday. (Staff Photographer)

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MAJOR R. Ponting speaking at the laying of the foundation stone of the new Salvation Army headquarters on Wednesday. (Staff Photographer)



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RETURNED from Moscow with new resolve to aid Russia to the very limits of our power. It was clear that the coming winter campaign would be the supreme crisis in the struggle in the East, and the Russian southern flank in the Don and Caucasus regions were to be the theatre, and the oilfields of Baku and the domination of the Caspian Sea the immediate German goal. I had been impressed by Stalin's solid confidence that he would win, and knew from what he had told me at the Kremlin that he planned some tremendous counter-attack.

There was little enough that we could do to sway this gigantic conflict. We must supply at all costs by every route to the Russian armies. We must maintain the Arctic convoys and develop the Trans-Siberian railway. The only direct military help we could give was to place a strong Anglo-American Air Force in the Caspian area. Even this must wait for its fulfilment till the war was gained in the Western Desert.

Risk of attack

At the beginning of September a further Arctic convoy sailed. I informed Stalin of this movement.

Sept. 6, 1942. 40 ships, has started. As we cannot send our heavy ships within range of enemy shore-based aircraft, we are providing a powerful destroyer striking force, which will be used against the enemy's surface ships should they attack us east of Bear Island. We are also including in the convoy escort, to assist in protecting it against air attack, an auxiliary aircraft-carrier just completed. Further, we are placing a strong line of submarine patrols between the convoy and the German bases. The risk of an attack by German surface ships still, however, remains serious. This danger can only be effectively warded off by providing in the Barents Sea air striking forces of such strength that the Germans will not risk their heavy ships any more than we will risk ours in that area. For reconnaissance are providing eight Catalina flying-boats and three Photo-

40-Ship Convoy With 77 Escorting Warships

graphic Reconnaissance Unit Spitfires to operate from North Russia. To increase the scale of air attack we have sent 32 torpedo-carrying aircraft, which have suffered loss on the way, though we hope that at least 24 will be available for operation. These, with the 19 bombers, then 10 torpedo-carrying aircraft, the 42 short-range and 43 long-range fighters which we understand you are providing, will almost certainly not be enough to act as a final deterrent. What is needed is more long-range bombers. We quite understand that the immense pressure put upon you on the main line of battle makes it difficult to supply any more Russian Army long-range bombers, but we must stress the great importance of this convoy, in which we are using 77 warships. If you can transfer more long-range bombers to the north temporarily, please do so. It is most useful for our common interests.

2. Rommel's attack in Egypt has been sharply rebuffed, and I have good hopes that we may reach a favourable decision there during the present month.

3. The operation "Torch," though set back about three weeks beyond the earliest date I mentioned to you, is on full blast.

Air assistance

4. I am awaiting the President's answer to definite proposals I have made him for bringing a British-American air contingent into action during the winter on your southern flank. He agrees in principle, and I am expecting to receive his plans in detail. I will then cable you again. Meanwhile, I hope that planning with regard to airfields and communications may proceed as was agreed, subject to your approval by your officers while I was in Moscow. For this purpose we are anxious to send Staff Officers from Egypt to Moscow, in the first

instance, as soon as you are ready for us to do so.

5. We are watching with lively admiration the continued magnificent resistance of the Russian armies. The German losses are certainly heavy and winter is drawing nearer. I shall give, when I address the House of Commons on Tuesday, an account of my visit to Moscow, of which I regard as most pleasing memories, in what I hope you will regard as agreeable terms.

6. Please give my good wishes to Molotov and thank him for his congratulations on my safe return. May God prosper all our undertakings.

Stalin's reply

Premier Stalin to Premier Churchill.

Sept. 8, '42. I received your message on Sept. 7. I understand all the importance of safe arrival of convoy P.Q.18 in Soviet Union and necessity of taking measures for its defence. Difficult as it is for us to transfer at the present moment an additional number of long-range bombers for this task, we have decided to do so. Today orders have been given to send additional long-range bombers for the purpose mentioned by you.

I wish you success in the outcome of operations against Rommel in Egypt, and also full success in Operation "Torch."

The heavy losses suffered by the Arctic convoys, including 12 ships in P.Q.18, the deteriorating position in the Atlantic, and the increased demands upon our shipping for "Torch," forced us to consider whether or not we could keep up these sailings on the northern route to Russia. I had already warned the President of this.

The Russians showed neither appreciation of our efforts nor understanding of our difficulties, and the following minor incident was a gloomy example of the state of our relations:

Prime Minister to M. Molotov.

Sept. 27, '42. The Foreign Secretary tells me that he has sent you a message about the British Naval Hospital at Vanga, being ordered to close and go home. I should be glad if you would look into the matter personally, yourself. Terrible cases of mauling through frost-bite are now arriving back here, and I have to consider constantly the morale of the merchant seamen, who have hitherto gone so willingly to man the merchant ships to Russia. The British hospital unit was sent simply to help, and it is a reflection on Russian arrangements under the pressure of air bombardment, etc. It is hard on men in hospital not to have nurses who speak their own language. At any rate, I hope you will give me some solid reason which I can give should the matter be raised in Parliament, as it very likely will be.

This was all I got:

Official jargon

M. Molotov to Prime Minister.

Oct. 2, '42. In my letter to Mr Eden I asked him to acquaint you, Mr Prime Minister, with the contents of my reply on the question of the British medical personnel in Archangel and Vanga (Murmansk). I

think that if you glance at the memorandum of the Soviet Foreign Office of Aug. 27 and my letter of Sept. 12 addressed to the British Ambassador you will have the full information on the matter and will be in a position to draw the necessary conclusions as to the real state of affairs, particularly in regard to certain irregularities in the actions of the respective British naval authorities.

This grimace is a good example of how official jargon can be used to destroy any kind of human contact, or even thought itself.

On Oct. 5, after nearly a month's silence, I received

through M. Malsky the following telegram from Stalin:

Oct. 5, '42. I have to inform you that the situation in the Stalingrad area deteriorated since the beginning of September. The Germans were able to concentrate in this area great reserves of aviation, and in this way managed to acquire superiority in the air. We have not enough fighters for the protection of our forces from the air. Even the bravest troops are helpless if they lack the air protection. We more particularly require Spitfires and Air-Cobras. I told about all that in great detail to Mr Wendell Willkie.

Attack in Egypt

On October 9 I telegraphed Stalin:

Prime Minister to Premier Stalin.

Oct. 9, '42. We shall attack in Egypt towards the end of this month, and "Torch" will begin early in November. The effect of these operations must be either:

(a) To oblige the Germans to send air and land forces to counter our move; or (b) To compel them to accept the new position created by our success, which would then create a diversion by the threat of attack against Sicily and the south of Europe.

2. Our attack in Egypt will be in good force. "Torch" will be a heavy operation, in which, in addition to the United States Navy, 240 British warships and more than half a million men will be engaged. This is all rolling forward irrevocably.

3. The President and I are anxious to put an Anglo-American air force on your southern flank and operate it under the strategic control of the Soviet High Command. Orders have been issued by us to assemble this force and take their station so that they would be available for combat early in the New Year. Most of this force will come from Egypt, as soon as they can be disengaged from the battle there which we believe will be successful on our part.

More Spitfires

In the letter which M. Malsky delivered to me on Oct. 5 you asked for a great increase in fighter aircraft supplied to Russia by this country and the United States. We will send you as soon as possible, by the Persian Gulf route, 150 Spitfires, with the equivalent of 60 more in the form of spurs to be sent as they become available, as a special reinforcement, which we cannot repeat. This special reinforcement is over and above the protocol supplies

by the Northern route so far as it can be used. President Roosevelt will cable separately about the United States contribution.

5. I was greatly relieved that so large a proportion of the last convoy reached Archangel safely. This success was achieved only because no less than 17 warships were employed on the operation. Naval protection will be impossible until our impending operations are completed. As the necessary efforts are withdrawn from "Torch" they can again be made available in Northern waters.

6. Nevertheless, we intend in the meanwhile to do our best to send you supplies by the Northern route by means of ships sailed independently instead of in escorted convoys. Arrangements have been made to sail ships from Iceland during the moonless period Oct. 28-Nov. 8. Ten of ours are preparing in addition to what the Americans will do. The ships will sail singly, at about 200 mile intervals, with occasional larger gaps, and rely on evasion and dispersion.

7. We hope to resume the flow of supplies in strongly escorted convoys from January, 1943.

8. It would, of course, greatly help both you and us if Germans could be denied the use of airfields in Northern Norway. If your staffs the President and I would at once examine the possibility of co-operating up to the limit of our ability. On Oct. 13 I received a communication from Stalin. It was neither informative nor helpful.

Premier Stalin to Prime Minister. Oct. 13, '42. I received your message of Oct. 9. Thank you.

Suspicion

The atmosphere was heavily charged with suspicion. The Moscow Press made great and belated play with the Hess episode. On Oct. 15 Molotov made a public speech demanding the immediate trial of Hess as a war criminal by an international tribunal. On Oct. 27 a leading Soviet publicist in a lecture denounced "the machinations of Lady Astor and the 'Cliveden Set,'" who were alleged to be working for a separate peace.

None of this stuff affected in any way the views or feelings of the President or myself. We were doing our best. The strains and stresses of the winter months were to be relieved by Alameln and "Torch" and the great Russian victory at Stalingrad. In the Arctic a brilliant operation was, before the end of the year, to carry a convoy safely through. In retrospect it seems as if Soviet behaviour was in part due to the feeling that if they could survive the winter they could reject any direct military aid from the West, which they regarded as an interfering contact and as a blow to their prestige. I feel we at least deserve credit for our patience in the face of ceaseless affront from a Government which had been hoping to work with Hitler, until it was assaulted and almost destroyed by him.

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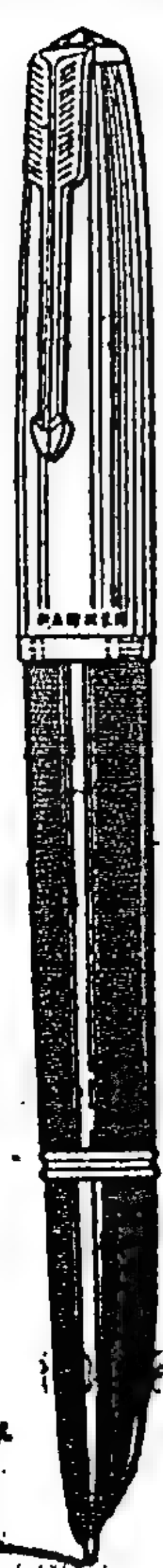
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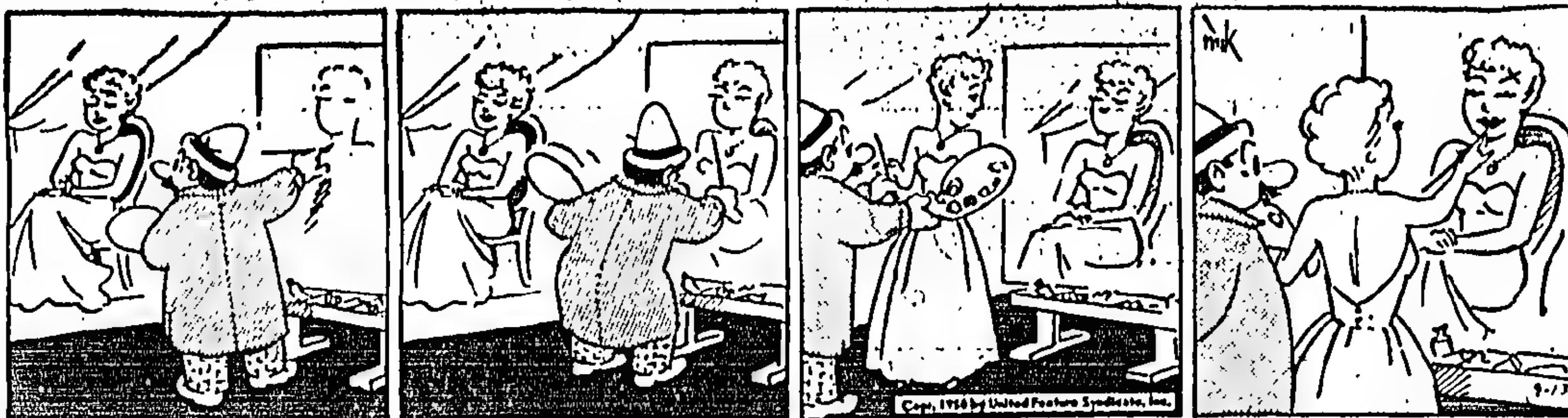
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FINDING FOR MILLIONS THAT HOME FROM HOME

BY GEORGE GODWIN

FOR rather more than three years the International Refugee Organisation has carried out a global movement of men, women and children on a scale greater than any mass migration in history.

No fewer than 1,500,000 persons have been assisted: 790,398 have been established in new homes, and 70,253 have been repatriated.

Over 90 percent of the refugees resettled came from IRO camps in Germany, Austria and Italy.

The three years estimated as adequate to liquidate this great problem are over, but the work is not yet completed, nor can it be for more than a year.

Therefore the United Nations Organisation is handing over to Great Britain the organisation of refugee relief and reception and settlement up to now handled by British officials directed by UNO.

What was a task done under international direction becomes a national concern—Britain's share of the greatest post-war human problem of all time.

Statistics are cold. They skim the mind and leave untouched the heart. It is a human tragedy that touches us, not the tragedy of humanity.

Without Hope

That is why to know that millions of men, women and children were uprooted by the war may make a smaller impact on us than a single tragic tale.

For example, take the case of the woman of Czechoslovakia—Mrs U., let us call her. Mrs U. was in Italy when war broke out. Her future husband, a Soviet pilot, was

shot down. He escaped to Italy. They married in 1944, and went to Austria as refugees. In 1947 the husband was arrested and turned over to the Soviet authorities. Since then nothing has been heard of him.

That is the background of Mrs U. And this is her problem as it was put to IRO.

Should she accept an offer to resettle overseas with her little son, Oleg? If she said "Yes," then it meant that she abandoned her four-year-old daughter Tatjana. Mrs U. and little Oleg were acceptable, but Tatjana was a "handicapped" child. She had tuberculosis.

To remain in a hostile country, rootless and without hope of happiness, but united; or to separate and secure for two happiness at the expense of the third?

Great Problem

The moving of refugees about the world may be a marvel of transport alone. Indeed, it has been. The organisation has had as many as forty ships of refugees at sea at the same time.

But the placing of refugees involves far more than the financing and organisation of their movements from one country to another.

Australia, for example, has accepted over 145,000 people. But they have all been men and women who could bring something of value to their new home, some form of skill or capacity for work.

It has been one of the great human problems of this vast post-war migratory movement that many families have been unacceptable as a whole, so that there has been involved for the people themselves a tragic decision.

The problem of the displaced person falls naturally into two rough categories.

There is the person who can pull his or her weight in the new land; and there is the person who cannot look after himself, but must always be assisted.

Most nations will accept foreigners if they give promise of making some contribution to the national life. This has always been so, since the days when the fourteenth century saw the arrival of those Flemish folk who founded Britain's weaving industry; and again when in the seventeenth century the Huguenots brought the silk industry to Britain.

Such people are welcome. But what of the old, the crippled and the diseased?

Some countries, such as Norway, Switzerland, Israel and Belgium have devised schemes for the reception of limited numbers of such people, and IRO has allocated \$22,000,000 to this side for the work, much of which is being done by religious organisations.

In most of the IRO camps there is special accommodation for the disabled and the old. Here, living out their lives in obscurity and hopelessness, are men who once occupied high positions in the diplomatic, art and business worlds.

Life is Hard

But for the IRO they would be dead.

It is, of course, one thing to agree to accept DPs, quite another to fix them into the framework of our economy.

In Britain the refugee is told he must go to "directed" work for three years, whether that work is suitable to his abilities or not. The determining factor is her own labour needs.

Thus it comes about that working in a Welsh coal mine until recently was a musician of great talent. Maybe three years at the "coal-face" will have ruined the hands of a violinist. That is "one of those things."

Then, again, here is a lecturer in economics from a great continental university. He has been working as an agricultural labourer.

Hard? Of course it is hard. But war is hard, and life is hard. But these men at least

have hope. Their three years served in directed labour, they are free to follow the occupation of their choice.

Since the inauguration of the scheme Britain has absorbed more than 300,000 foreign workers. Most numerous of all have been the Poles, of whom she has taken in 121,000 ex-Servicemen. These men were all under British command during the latter days of the war. They stayed on because they had no desire to go home.

To this number must be added a further thirty thousand who have fled from Poland under the new regime.

Next there are those prisoners of war who have been allowed to remain in Britain. These are Germans, Italians and Ukrainians, some 24,000 of them.

New Blood

Finally, there is an odd assortment, nationally considered, who entered the country on temporary employment permits. These have been mostly domestic workers. Some have returned home, others remain.

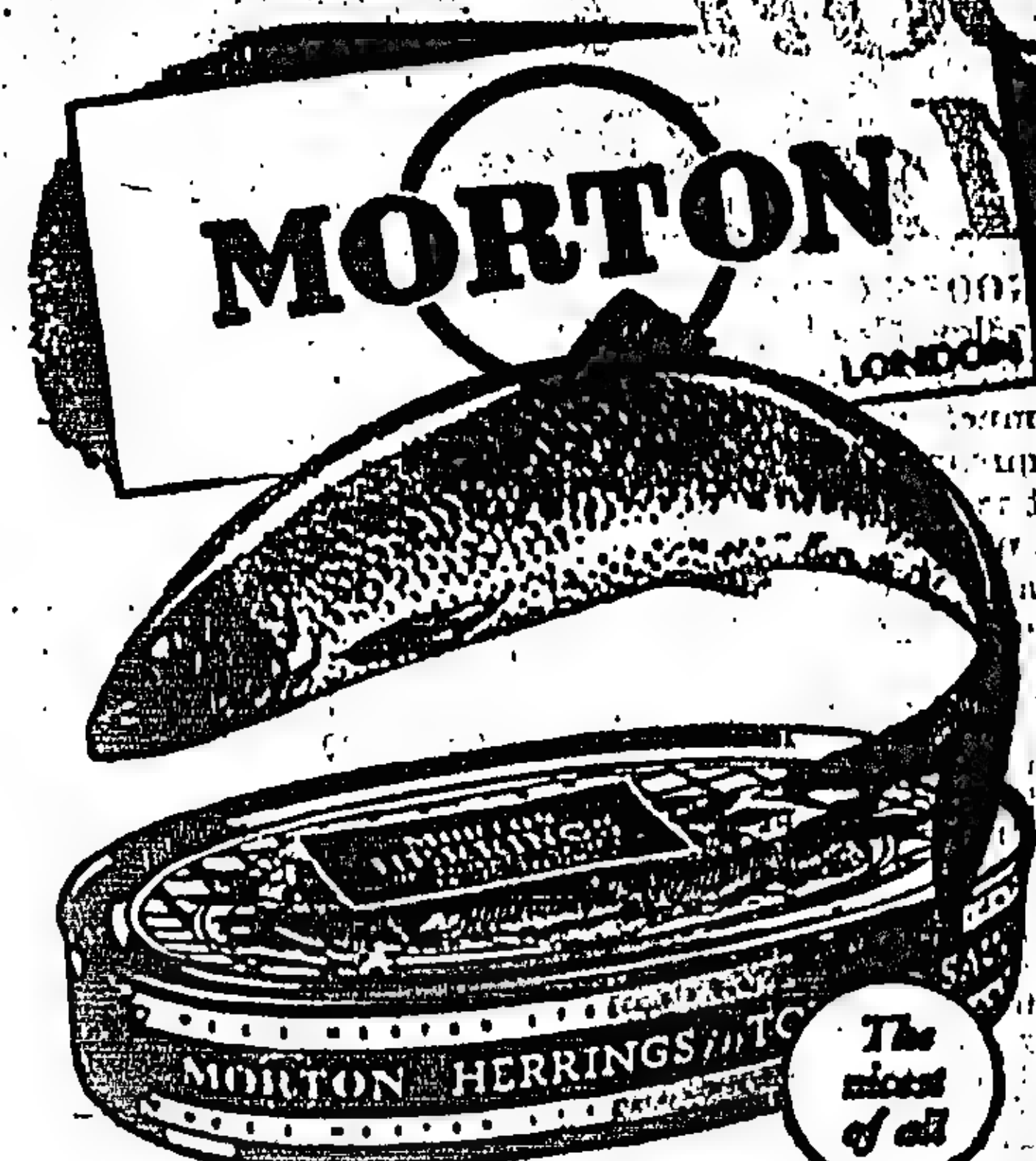
New blood infused into a country may be either detrimental or profitable. What may be said, by and large, of the refugees Britain has received?

According to an official who has been associated with this work from the start, the balance is in her favour.

Many refugees are men and women of outstanding ability. Of the 10,000 Yugoslavs in Britain, 3,000 have university degrees.

Fully qualified women doctors have had to work as ward nurses; industrialists have had to do manual work. There are many scores of cases of maladjustment of this kind. But the point is, the maladjustment is only temporary. When the newcomer has served his three years in one of the listed obligatory occupations, he is free.

For what reason did he become a refugee? Surely to secure for himself and his family just one thing—Freedom. The new lands promised it. And the new lands are still in the process of redeeming that promise.



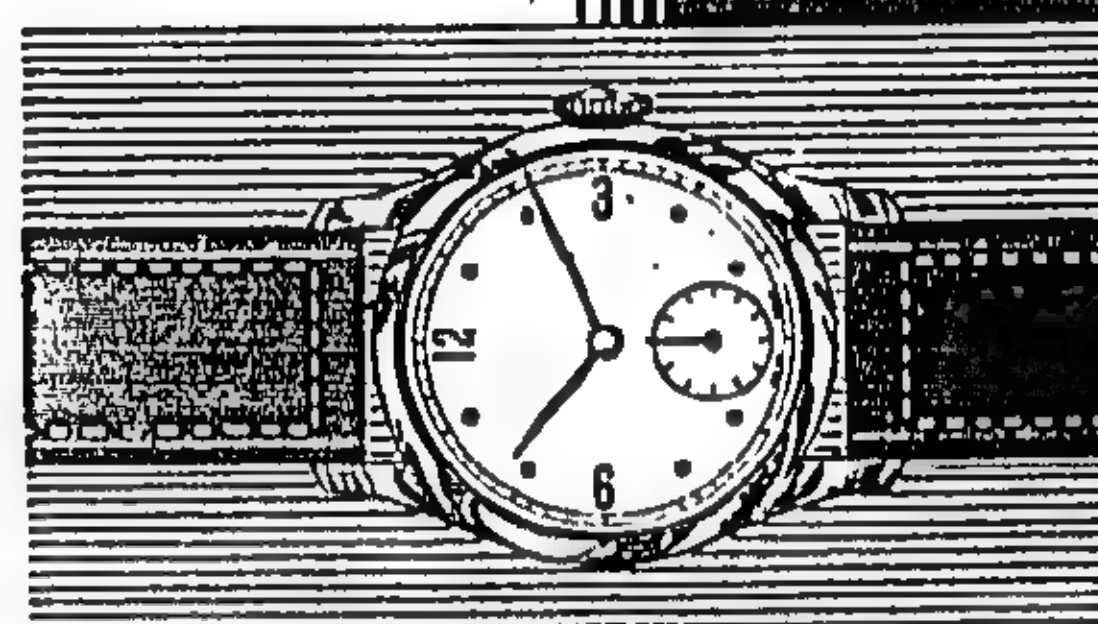
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Did you discuss that memorandum with Sir Cecil Levita?—Yes.

Is this a copy of the memorandum?

I had it in my hand. At once there came a strenuous opposition to the production of the memorandum, but it was too late. The judge allowed it to be read in court, and its production caused an even greater sensation than had been anticipated. It was dated March 6. Here it is:

MEMORANDUM

I saw Mr Lambert at 11.10 on the morning of March 6.

I told him I was instructed:—

(1) To urge him to take a week's leave, as his doctor, I understood, had advised, and to consider the matter quietly again thereafter;

(2) And to assure him:—

"(a) That his position with the Corporation was not at present in any way prejudiced or damaged;—

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(b) That if he went on with the course which he had indicated on the previous morning there was a serious danger that he might well prejudice his position with the Corporation because

(1) He could make the Corporation doubt his judgment.

(2) He could seem to be placing his own interests in priority to those of the Corporation.

S. G. TALLENTS, 6-3-36

Do you happen to notice the date of the memorandum?—March 6, 1936.

Were you in court when the letter was read from Sir Cecil's solicitors dated March 2, 1936, stating: "We understand that the matters are being discussed by high officials of the BBC?"—Yes.

Do you see any similarity between the dates?—Now, you mention it, I do.

In your opinion, could that memorandum have any bearing on a fair-minded man's acceptance of this?—If you do not drop this action against Sir Cecil Levita you will get dismissed."

The witness would not agree to that suggestion but from the look of utter amazement on every face in court there could be no doubt about the effect which the memorandum had caused.

If Sir Stephen Tallents had been called to give evidence on what he had really meant by his memorandum, perhaps that effect might have been different; but he was not, and the evidence ended on that intriguing note.

The judge summed up impartially, but gravely, and the jury answered the following questions:—

"Did Levita speak the words complained of?"

"Yes."

"Are they true?"

"No."

And they awarded Mr Lambert as damages the enormous sum of £7,500, the largest amount I have ever known given in a slander action. The award certainly caused a sensation in court as well as in the Temple.

But the matter did not end there. So much perturbation was aroused by the publication of the BBC memorandum that the Prime Minister thought it desirable to appoint at once a special Board to inquire into the circumstances, and within a month the report of this Board was laid before Parliament.

From a public point of view it was eminently satisfactory that the Board completely exonerated the officials of the BBC. They found that they were in no way influenced by Sir Cecil Levita and were acting merely in what they considered the best interest of the BBC and of Mr Lambert. But the report contained this significant paragraph: "Whether the officials were wise or not is another matter. The BBC have only themselves to blame for the unfortunate impression caused by the singularly inept words in the memorandum."

MONDAY

Princess Olga Paley's Property

Don't apologise, Mr. Brooke

THE GOOSE CATHEDRAL. By Jocelyn Brooke. The Bodley Head. 9s. 6d. 186 pages.

THIS book is partly "true" and partly fiction—how much of one or the other is a matter of no consequence whatever.

It is not quite a novel, yet hardly an autobiography. It has neither beginning, middle nor end. It is slight and airy, sensitive to mood, indulgent to fantasy, and enclosing robust vein of humour.

BOOKS

by GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON

"The Goose Cathedral" is a most readable and possesses a own kind of unity. You will not underestimate the skill which is contrived that unity.

With an air of apology, Brooke puts himself in the centre of his own life-story—the Nanny's darling who becomes the victim of a bad pre-natal school, the delicate boy who hates bathing and has a genius for finding wild flowers, the youth who writes and verse and says feebly at being a business man.

After the war he re-enlists in the Army. But he is not even at a rather affected gesture? E. Lawrence had done it before him.

But if Brooke treats himself with a kind of tentative disapproval, with what exuberance he pounces on characters so richly comic as the Pope, "the last of the English Ecclesiastics," Mrs Bugle, the ex-porn landlady, and above all "Pussy" Wilkinson and his page, Bert.

Pussy is a perfect period piece, a figure cut out of the netties who looks like an underling choir-boy. He enters into his middle-aged lady friends ("the sex") to refined parties; gives notably less than parties for his male acquaintances. At these, as the trifling climax to the evening, Pussy will give his famous imitation of Sarah Bernhardt.

Poor Pussy! Life—and Bert have sad surprises in store for him, Bert, whom he had bought of the Army, steals his money and takes refuge with Pussy's rich sister Morna, whom eventually he marries.

Soon Pussy is selling Action, a black shirt and blacker gey-ralls. "One must do something for one's country," his country does something for Pussy. It interns him in the Isle of Man. After that, faithful to the traditions of the netties, there is nothing for it but a deathbed conversion to Roman Church.

Sir Newman had many brushes with the great—with Curzon, who disliked the typography of his book so much that he threw it across the room; with Asquith, who at least agreed to write his reminiscences—a big cheque fluttered to the carpet at the right moment. Arnold Bennett was hooked at a party at H.G. Wells's—he and Flower shared a dislike of the compulsory games which were routine at these parties.

The Dynasts, said Bennett, was the greatest book of the generation. "Oh, no, Arnold," said Wells not only, "not really." You really believe that the greatest work written in our lifetime is The Old Wives' Tale.

A rich hoard of anecdotes.

STRAIT AND NARROW. By Geoffrey Cotterell. Eyre and Spottiswoode. 10s. 6d. 416 pages.

COTTERELL is a man of talent, an alert and knowing performer on the novel with no excessive illusions about the human race. If this present novel must be judged a disappointment, it is not on account of any undue sentimentalism.

Richard Tarrant, its central figure, is a cold fish, absorbed in his career at the Bar. His single lapse from virtue, his one brush with the warmer emotions, is scarcely the noblest of incidents. A fugitive in Holland during the war, Richard seduces Annette, wife of the Dutchman who shelters him—and is killed by the Germans.

After the war, Richard's wife Nancy invites Annette over. Revelations occur. Nancy realises that her husband has been Annette's lover; Richard that Annette's little boy is his son.

JUST AS IT HAPPENED. By Newman Flower. Cassell. 16s. 274 pages.

OUT of a long, busy and enjoyable life as a publisher, Sir Newman Flower has compiled these jottings, which have few pretensions but plenty of interest.

He tells the story of Thomas Hardy's miserable first marriage to a woman who boasted, "I beat my husband every morning—but only with a rolled-up copy of The Times."

So that he need never meet his wife, Hardy built a separate stair from the garden to his study. When she died, he found two huge manuscripts in her room. One was entitled, "The Pleasures of Heaven and the Pains of Hell," the other, "What I Think Of My Husband." Hardy burnt both.

Sir Newman takes the story of Cassell's back to the days of Stevenson and Rider Haggard, almost, but not quite back to John Cassell himself, the young temperance reformer who became a publisher on moral grounds.



Mrs Edith Sampson, first negro to be appointed a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations, arrives in New York by plane from Chicago. A lawyer by profession, she is serving as an alternate delegate at the General Assembly.

Mouse Scares Gorilla

Guy, London Zoo's gorilla, who at five-and-half is strong enough to wrestle a six-foot keeper to the floor in seconds, has a feminine failing. He is afraid of mice!

This weakness of his was discovered when he refused to move from one to another of the compartments in his specially-designed house. Grapes and other tidbits offered by Overseer Arthur Budd and Head Keeper Smith failed to move him.

Guy gulped and when they went into his enclosure and attempted to play to get him near door—the young gorilla loves a game—he became more obstinate. For more than half-an-hour they tried with no success.

Then the keepers thought of another move. Head Keeper Smith showed a bright-eyed mouse to Guy. The gorilla grunted in alarm and quickly retreated to the next compartment.

Mr. FEYZOLLAH BRINGS OUT THE SILKS

By EVELYN IRONS

Vienna. In a dove-grey dress, a salon in the Karntnerstrasse, Vienna's Rue de la Paix, dress designer Hadayat Feyzollah showed some of his latest models.

Cocktail dresses and jackets of thick French silk. A dramatic strapless evening gown in Italian royal blue velvet. Frothing dance frocks with three-layer skirts using dozens of yards of organdie and taffeta. Hats of feather-light Austrian felt in extreme Paris-inspired designs.

Said dark Persian-born Feyzollah: "For two years we have been building up our old exports of Vienna fashions. I have just had a collection touring Scandinavia. Difficulty in materials. The best silks—and even some of the best wool fabrics—have to be imported. And imports are limited by currency laws."

Top price for the dresses (saw was £40. Average was around £20).

Who in Vienna can afford these prices? The answer—wives of occupation officials with favourable currency exchange. Profiteers' families. Not the old clients of the great Viennese dress shops, for most of these live more modestly now.

EMPTY THEATRES

THEATRES in Vienna are half empty. Most of their advertisements carry a red spot, which means that for this show parties of theatre goers can get seats at reduced rates. But the two opera houses are packed.

To the price of my ticket in the second row of the stalls—just under 9s.—was added a charge of 7d. for the rebuilding of the great Opera House, home of the State Opera, bombed and burned in March 1945.

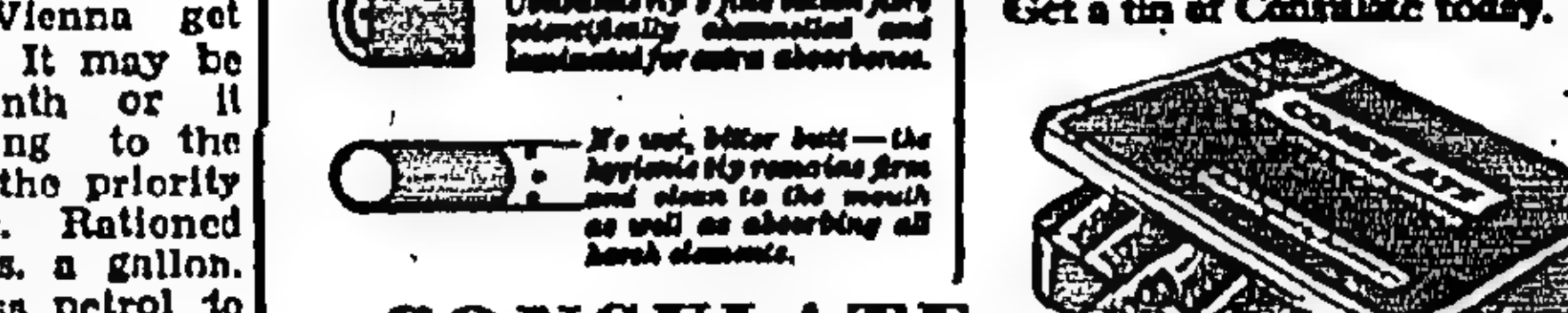
Each night two little fir trees on top of the Opera House are brilliant with red and white fairy lights. They were put there by workmen in celebration of the completed job of rebuilding. But it will be probably three years before the gutted building reopens for opera.

Not more than a dozen people in the crowded audience wore evening dresses or black ties. The rest were in day clothes. One man in the stalls



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Passion of many Viennese workers—playing the football pools. Both men and women throng local football matches.

Orchestra of unemployed musicians plays outside the ruined Opera House: audience gathered in the street pay 4d. for programme.

Most Viennese have dogs and most dogs are either Alsatians or Boxers. All must be muzzled or on leads in the street.

Idea from decorator's shop in Vienna—standard lamps with bamboo cane shafts which can be tilted at an angle for reading.

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Remember Bidding
When Play Starts

♠ A J 7 4	2
♥ K 7 4	3
♦ K 6 5	4
♣ K Q J	5

(DEALER)

♠ 7 3 2	♠ 10	♠ A Q 4	♠ 2
♥ 10	♥ A Q 4	♥ 2	♥ A 10 9 8
♦ 10	♦ 2	♦ A 10 9 8	♦ 2
♣ A 10 9 8	♣ 2	♣ A 10 9 8	♣ 2

N-S vul.

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Double	1 ♥	2 ♠
Pass	2 N.T.	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♦ A

By OSWALD JACOBY

IT is a curious fact that most players forget about the bidding the moment that the play begins. When today's hand was played in a fairly important tournament, the correct defence was found at only two tables. Nevertheless, the facts were there for all of them to see.

At most, tables, West opened the ten of hearts, and declarer had easy sailing. He could win his own hand with the ace of hearts, draw trumps and then knock out the ace of clubs. The contract was therefore easily made with five trump tricks, two hearts, two clubs and a diamond.

At two tables, however, the West player considered the bidding before making his opening lead. Obviously the opponents had most of the missing high cards. Why then had East bid one heart after North's take-out double?

Such a bid is sometimes made with a hand of moderate strength on the theory that if the bid is not made promptly, the opportunity may not be presented later on. In this case, however, it was obvious that East did not have a hand of moderate strength.

There could be only one reason for East's bid on what was obviously a very weak hand. East must have been so short in diamonds that he was afraid to pass the take-out double for fear that South might pass for penalties.

The two declarers we have referred to therefore laid down the ace of diamonds as their opening lead. They continued with the deuce of diamonds, following East to ruff (and simultaneously indicating where the re-entry was).

The deuce of diamonds, the lowest card in the suit indicated that the re-entry was in a low suit—clubs. (If the entry had been in hearts, the nine of diamonds would have been led at the second trick.) East ruffed the second round of diamonds and carefully returned a club. West won with the ace of clubs and led another diamond, allowing East to ruff again, thus setting the contract.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

BAFFY WAS BAFFLED

By T. O. HARE

Baffy, who thinks himself a better golfer than Flogh, took the latter on over nine holes, as terms which Baffy's point of view proved disputable. Every hole, said Baffy, must be either lost or won so if I have it every hole I win the halved holes included. I pay you 25. You pay for holes I win on a sliding scale. For an isolated hole won I get 25; for two successive holes won 50; for three successive holes won, 100; and so on. If I win all nine holes, therefore, I get 250. Baffy lost the first hole, but on the second and challenged Flogh to play the second nine holes. Flogh won—action the same again on balance, as the first nine holes had earned him. Baffy had won nine holes in all, they included the seventh and eighth holes. Which means the nine holes won by Baffy.

YOUR BIRTHDAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

If you are born today, your ambitions are high and you have considerable personal courage. Since you love activity and excitement, no doubt you will be happiest if you live and work in the city. In fact, you are apt to become moody and unhappy if thrust into a quiet atmosphere. If you find yourself stuck in a routine job, get-out of it, even if it means a temporary sacrifice. You will never reach success or fame unless you set out on your own.

You are critical and exacting with yourself. You want perfection or nothing. However, you have the ability to see the other fellow's side of almost any problem and don't insist that they follow your pattern of conduct. All you insist on, is that you don't have to struggle with them. Just let them go their own way and not interfere with your progress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—The advice of someone you trust may be helpful in solving a serious dilemma. Head it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—There is a bright outlook for your future, so don't let a pessimistic attitude ruin your plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—When making future plans, be thorough and efficient in all minor details. It pays.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Listen to a discussion on an important topic. Profit from it. A visit to an old friend is helpful.

If you are born today, you have a temperament which is not too easily understood. On the surface you are quite calm and aloof, but underneath, rather high-tempered and fickle in your moods and affections. You can be, in turn, domineering or co-operative; diplomatic and patient or frigid and impatient. This is to a large extent, controlled by your physical condition. Guard your nervous energies and see that you get plenty of rest and proper outdoor exercise.

You are sensitive to people and conditions and sometimes seem to know, in advance, what is going to happen. If you learn to act on these hunches, your so-called "luck" will usually hold. Ignore these intuitive impulses and you may make a serious error.

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GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Be ready for the unexpected and you will know how to act. Think twice, however, before making a decision.

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You have natural talent for both the written and spoken word. You would make a good lecturer—and since you enjoy travel, you might be one to visit the far places and then write or lecture about them. Newspaper work might appeal to you as a life career. You should be good at it!

Be careful in the selection of a marriage partner. You are capable of great marital happiness. But you can have considerable heartbreak and discontent if you wed the wrong one. Preferably, select someone born under Leo or Aries although you can find pleasure with those born under Libra, Aquarius or Gemini.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—A good day to take stock on the home front. Buy new equipment if needed or make some repairs.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Keep a good hold on your emotions. Review all opportunities carefully before you make a decision.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Let intuitions guide you in making a decision. Hesitation is fatal. Make up your mind; stick to it.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—The week ahead is likely to be a busy one; so get everything in order. Tie up loose ends today.

Generous and helpful by nature, you cannot endure to see those less fortunate than yourself suffer. You give extravagantly. Guard against being imposed upon in this regard. There is a streak of sociability in you which often exceeds common sense. Never neglect a duty for pleasure. On the other hand, don't go too far in the other direction and make self-discipline and avoidance of all social activity a fetish. This is going against your true nature.

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Week-End Softball

THE SENIOR LEAGUE DRIVE WILL HEAD INTO THE HOME STRETCH THIS WEEK-END

BY 'GRANDSTAND'

The Senior League drive for the Molthen Softball Trophy heads into the home stretch this week as South China and the Jaguars come to grips again to highlight a week-end of diamond thrills that is bound to attract fans to King's Park in droves.

Two other important senior tilts are on the card as the surging Overseas Chinese stage their return encounter against Frank Cleary's Americans, while St Joseph's take on the Merry Madcaps in a game that is bound to rekindle the old rivalry between these two explosive squads—a feud that started a few seasons back when the Madcaps challenged the supremacy of the Saints in their heyday.

Frankie Barros' Jaguars can well afford to view the current flag chase through rose coloured glasses, having completed their first round with nary a loss and a victory over South China, their nearest rivals, will practically clinch a berth in the pending playoffs.

Enough has been said of their pitching staff of Jack Brown and Vic Pedruco, who have tossed the Jaguars to victory so far, but it is not generally known that the guiding influence behind their successes has been mentor Frankie Barros, an individual full of ball savvy, and there isn't a single trick in his bag that he has not imparted to his charges.

At the first meeting against South China, Barros was reluctant in nominating his starting hurler, and for some reason of his own, is equally reticent concerning the pitching chore in the coming return engagement.

Based on past performances, the general opinion is that Brown will toe the rubber and, should he get into difficulties, Vic Pedruco will be his ace in the hole.

RIGHT DOWN THEIR NECKS

While the Jaguars head the league with an unblemished record, the contingent from Caroline Hill is breathing right down their necks with only one loss against them, and that was when they were nosed out in a bitterly fought contest only three weeks ago.

The loyal fans are still of the opinion that South China should never have dropped that one if there had not been a misunderstanding of the penalty on a "blocked" ball.

The incident concerned a thrown ball handled by a spectator with the tying run on third base, and has provided plenty of fuel for the hot-stove gab sessions.

Still basking in the afterglow of their win over the powerful Saints a fortnight ago, South China coach P. K. Lau and manager Cheong Tsoi are full of confidence against the Jaguars this week to prove to the faithful that they have the stuff.

Starting hurler for the Carolines will be Wong Po-chiu, who has to date been slowballing the sluggers to death. The wielders of the heavy lumber are now wise to his teasing floaters, but whether the temptation to lose one of those tantalising floaters is resistible or not, is questionable. The

whole outcome depends on whether Wong can fool all the people all the time.

HUMAN FIRECRACKER

South China possess an infield well above the average, with Rabbit Leung, in the shortstop position, being a human firecracker in himself, providing the spark that has carried the pennant aspirants to their present level.

This, then, is the tense spot in an interesting league, calling for precision playing with the first error capable of setting off an explosion with disastrous effect.

Although fans from both sides are equally confident, it will indeed be a very rabid follower who will dare climb out on the proverbial limb and prophesy the outcome.

Overseas Chinese having subdued the Panda threat to their jealously guarded second place in the league standing and will start out against the Americans determined to hold on to their position to qualify for the playoff.

Johnny Ho's outfit showed considerable all round improvement over last year's listless effort, and with his mound mainstay, Tony Kwok, mixing his pitches to receiver S. N. Wong, Johnny hopes to go places this year.

On the other hand, the Americans, who took a nose dive at the beginning of the season, seem to have found their feet, and, if the power in their bats can be backed up with good fielding, will give the Overseas boys a run for their money. As a matter of fact, giving decent pitching, the Yanks should be in their rightful place in the top bracket.

DETERMINED

After their humiliating nose-out by South China last week, the Saints are determined to regain the confidence of their ardent followers when they tangle with the Madcaps tomorrow.

It has, of course, long been realised that the once famed supermen of softball have passed

their prime, and it has been their ball sense gained through a couple of decades of experience that has pulled them through in the clutch.

Although the impending clash between the Saints and the Madcaps will have an important bearing on the pennant hopes of these two outfits, this tussle is more than just going through the motions of the game for, ever since the Madcaps rose to a challenging position several years back, these two feuding squads have always been rivals.

For the Saints, a victory will also mean that they are once more on the right track to Penantville, while a Madcap success would mean the culmination of years of futile efforts against this power-laden team.

ADDITIONAL STRENGTH

It is understood that the Saints have recently signed an additional strength for their pennant campaign, but the coming tilt being in the nature of a private squabble, it is just possible that mentor Art Ozorio will field his team of veteran white-haired gents.

On the other hand, with pennant hopes at stake, the Saints may take full advantage of their new acquisitions, with Lefty Mayfield at first base and a battery of Jimmy Criss and Lou Perry.

The Madcaps must never be underestimated, as this unpredictable team has registered some brilliant performances not so long ago, and an example of their brilliance can be gauged from their late season's appearance last year when they fully extended the "Salisbury Sound" to 12 tight frames before yielding.

The nod, however, goes to the Saints, who should by now have worked out all the errors in their system, and a repetition of last week's knuckle-head play on base is not likely to recur. Besides, there is nothing on record to show that Madcap hurler Kelly Silva-Netto has ever turned back the tide of Saint hits.

Jackie Robinson Is Ready To Retire From Baseball

By NORMAN MILLER

Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers, the principal in Baseball's greatest sociological experiment, declared that he would like to retire from the game as soon as possible because "it's been too much of a strain."

Although only 31 years old and still at the peak of his playing career, Robinson admittedly is looking forward to the time when he can quit baseball and devote his full efforts toward working with underprivileged children.

"Baseball has been good to me," emphasised the brilliant negro infielder, the first member of his race to play as such in the Major Leagues. "But it's been a terrific strain, physically and mentally. And as soon as I'm sure that my family and I are financially secure, I'd like to do some work in combating juvenile delinquency. I've wanted to for a long time."

"NOT KIDDING" Robinson continued. "Actually I'm only 31 years old, but athletically, I'm much older than that. I played four sports for eight years in high school

and college and I've played a lot of baseball since then. I don't think I have more than two or three years left in the Majors." "It's been wonderful," said the muscular Dodger star, reflecting on his feat of making good in the Majors. "It's been a wonderful thing for me, for my people and for baseball. I'm grateful to Commissioner Chandler, Ford Frick, Mr. Rickey and the boys on the club for the way they've treated me. But it's taken a lot out of me, especially those first two years."

Although Robinson did not elaborate on "those first two years," it was plain that he meant the terrific pressure he

underwent in his quest to make good and the abuse he suffered in silence from opposing Major League players and cranks outside the game.

'BIG MONEY'

"I've been earning what you'd call 'big money' only two years now," he pointed out, "and between taxes and helping support some relatives who really need it, I still don't have too much for the future. I have to play a few more years to take advantage of that earning power. But, as soon as I start slowing up—I'm through."

Robinson, who is a graduate of UCLA, disclosed that he has been approached by the Urban League regarding a job in social work when his baseball career is ended. The job, he said, would entail lecturing at colleges, high schools and boys' clubs.

"It's what I've wanted to do for a long time now," Robinson concluded.—United Press.

Arthur Peali says.

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GOLF BOGEY BOGY

By Henry Longhurst

Confusion in the minds of golf club secretaries not conversant with the use of logarithms and the slide rule regarding the reassessment of the bogey for their courses has been worse founded, I am reproved, by the alleged slipperiness of a recent article of mine.

This has been used by some, it is said, as an excuse for evasion of duty.

While appreciating the implied compliment, I should be sorry indeed if this were true. It is clear that if chaos is not to ensue, every club must "play ball" and tighten up its bogey on the lines indicated, whatever heart-burnings may eventually result for those of us who have not played to our handicaps for ten years.

MASS VERBIAGE

I shall not attempt a summary of the mass verbiage of the official instructions, but what it comes to is this. Colonel Bogey, with stronger clubs and a longer ball, plays better than he did when most of the present scores were assessed. More particularly he reaches in two shots holes which used to take him "two of those and one of the others."

THE LOST PUTT

There remains the question of Colonel Bogey's improved putting — from 30 strokes per round, they say, to 35. At which hole, flummoxed secretaries inquire, is he to take only one putt? Ask me another! A good scratch player rarely takes more than 32 or 33 putts, sometimes as few as 26—but that, of course, is only because he misses the green with his second. My only suggestion on this one is to deem it unplayable under the new rule and forget about it.

It is to be hoped that, when all the form-filling and "ad-min." is over, clubs will not respond, as so many did on the last re-assessment, by banging everybody's handicap up 3, just like that.

A 6 handicap player of my acquaintance was put up to 9, joined another club, and put up to 12, off which dubious, though unsought, figure he won a sweep worth the price of a new motor car—which in those days he could obtain. Let us wait this time till the spring, and see where we are.

Trusting to have now stoned for any previous levity on this stern topic, I remain recalcitrant on one point. Never, never, will I stomach that appalling monthly, the "standard scratch" again. Please, gentlemen, do not.

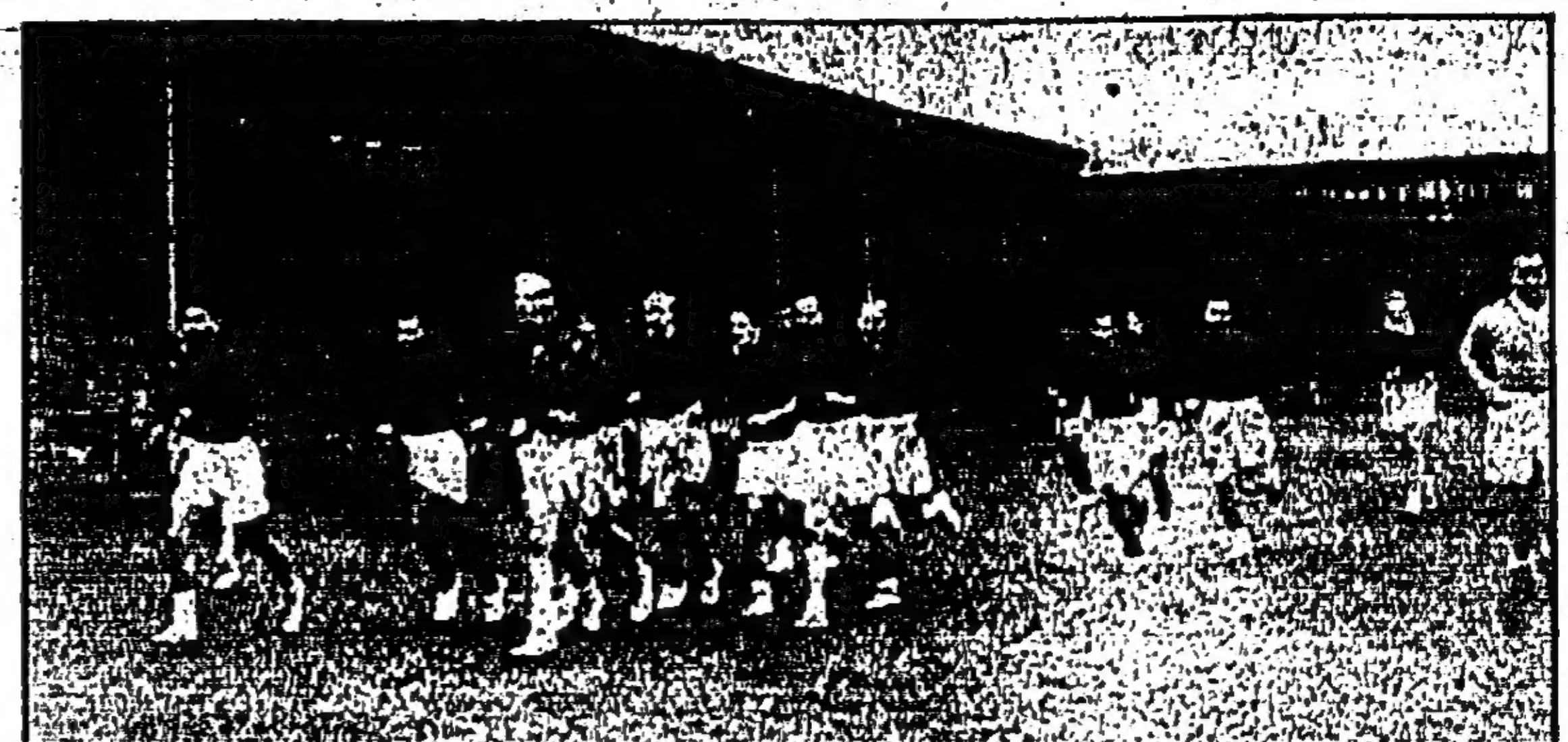
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27, 1961.

ALL READY FOR THE MATCH



Here are the Djurgardens IF, all ready for today's match with Hongkong at Happy Valley, out for a practice spin on the Club ground.

On the extreme left is Hilmer Petersson, the former Shanghai boy who plays at outside-right for this Swedish club side. In the foreground in a striped shirt is Hans Stillus, who could very easily be mistaken for screen actor Rex Harrison. On the extreme right is the team's Welsh coach, Mr David Astley. — Photo by China Mail Staff Photographer.

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Jack Gardner, the new British heavyweight champion. He recently defeated Bruce Woodcock, who had to retire with a badly damaged left eye. — (Central Press).

John Macadam's Column

IVAN BROADIS HAS THE RIGHT IDEA

Things have been happening behind our back in the past couple of weeks of absence from the field of sport, and it should be said that some of the things have not been to our liking (see if anybody cares).

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"IT'S THE MONEY I'M AFTER"

Says Britain's New Heavyweight Champion By TONY HORSTEAD

"Although I am now Heavyweight Champion of Britain and the Empire, I realise that I have much to learn before I go on to fulfil my ambition to win the world title."

"But I feel that I have everything in my favour; I am young, strong, well advised and looked after, and I know that I learn something with every fight I have. I feel sure, given reasonable luck, that I shall bring the world heavyweight crown back to England."

So spoke our new champion Jack Gardner, as I sat with him in the parlour of his mother-in-law's small house in Market Harborough.

Gardner is an ornament to any sport; serious, well-spoken, and completely without bombast of any kind. He has no illusions as to his ability. His manager, John Simpson, he regards as chiefly responsible for his success.

Jack is a family man in the true sense. He is completely wrapped up in the welfare and the well-being of his own small family—his wife Grace, a former local beauty queen whom he married a little over three years ago, and their daughter, Jackelyn, and his younger brother, Bob, and Rodney, both of whom are making names for themselves as amateur boxers.

"Naturally, I want to be world champion and I want the money that goes with it. My real ambition is to buy a 30-acre farm somewhere in Leicestershire or Northamptonshire and raise chickens and pigs. But that farm must be on the main road—for, while I love the country and the country way of life, I think it unfair to my wife to be completely cut off from all the amenities that come from living near a town."

Once Jack starts off on this train of thought it is nigh on impossible to bring him back to the subject of boxing. Boxing he loves and enjoys—but clearly it is a means to an end. When I asked him about his future plans, his immediate reply was "Well, I'm going to take things easy, potter around and have a fun with Grace and Jackelyn."

He was not so interested when I pointed out that I was thinking of his boxing career.

"I leave all that to John Simpson; what he thinks and decides goes for me," he said, "because I have no doubt at all that he would not over-match nor over-fight me. Frankly I do not mind what he decides; we may go to South Africa, we may go to the States—I don't mind as long as the money is there. After all, this fight business is a business as far as I am concerned. I want that farm."

Jack, as you can guess, is not given to depicting his chances with other fighters. But this he did say, "I feel that Lee Savold would be an ideal opponent for me next summer. He is getting older and slower, and quite honestly I fancy I could beat him."

Frankly, so do I. If this lad who was given his first pal of boxing gloves by his father, Len, at the age of five, states in his earnest way that he thinks that he can beat somebody, then it's odds on that he can and he will. Len Gardner, who works at a local factory, is a proud man and never so happy as he was on Tuesday when he had to pay up on a bet that was made when Jack was still at school. Jack's instructor in the Army Cadet Corps was convinced that Jack was a future British champion—so convinced that he had a small wager with Len. Len has paid.

Although he had his boxing gloves so young, and although he was the son of a boxing fanatic, oddly, Jack did very little boxing as a kid. He fought occasionally in the Cadet Corps, but it was not until he volunteered for the Army at 17 that he started boxing seriously. Jack intended to make the Army his career. When he was due for demob, he was a sergeant in the Guards, but signed on for another five years. He completed one, then bought himself out to concentrate on his boxing career.

Jack reminded me that I saw him have and win his first fight in his serious amateur career. Before this he had won several fights out with his father, Len, and his brothers, Bob and Rodney. He was big, strong, grizzly, and as today wearing a Ronald Colman moustache.

"Any team that gets the feeling that it is pulling out the stuff and not getting the results gets a feeling of we can't do it. Now we've done it three times in a row and will keep on doing it. The reverse is also the same."

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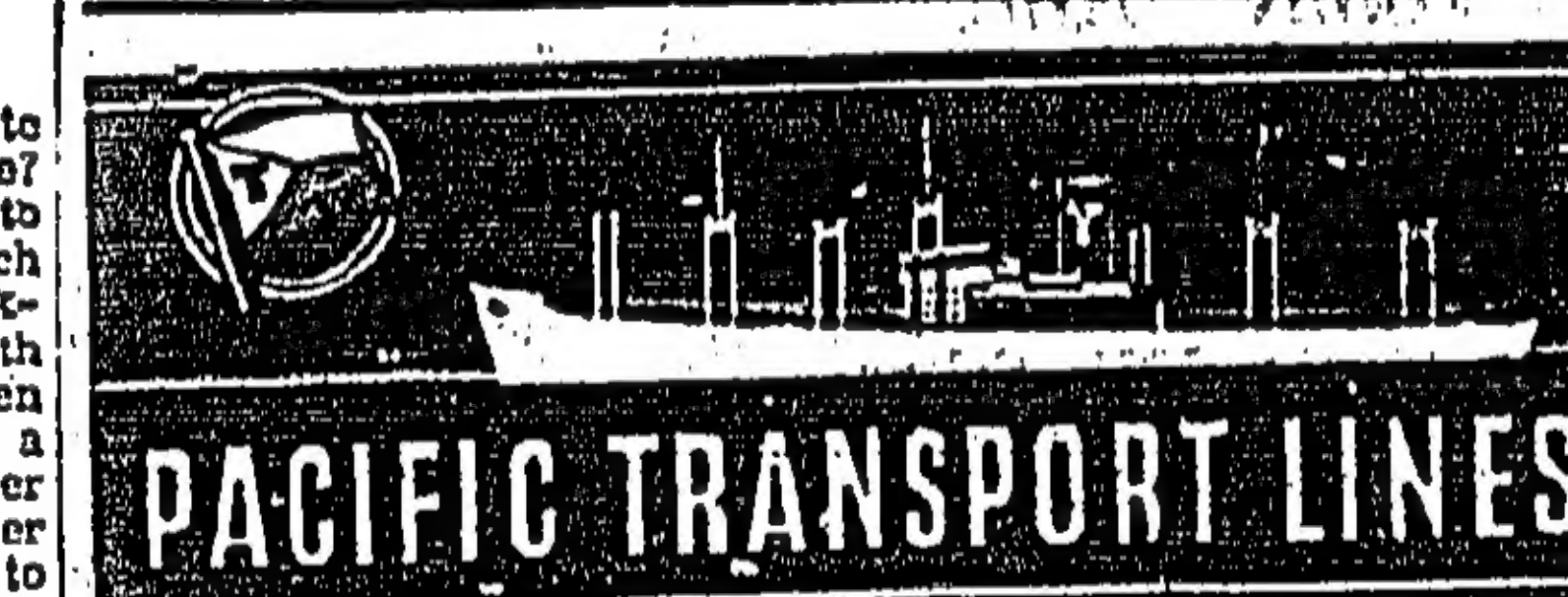
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Britain Aussies Have No Alibi

Says W. O'Reilly

(Special to the China Mail)
Brisbane, Dec. 1.

Magnificent bowling by Wright and the three busy bees—Bedser, Brown and Bailey—routed the Australians on a pitch that might easily have been dubbed slow and easy on the first day of the first Test Match.

English cricket was lifted out from the groove and bounced into a position from which it is being eyed more critically tonight.

From the first over of the day, when Morley was dismissed off the fourth ball, the four English bowlers assumed control of the game and the powerful Australian batting array, which was considered more than a match for any bowlers in the world, struggled rather hopelessly.

There was no suggestion that the Brisbane pitch favoured the bowlers. We have no alibi to offer.

Even though he was rewarded with only one wicket I consider that Wright had more to do with the Australian collapse than any other bowler. He spun the ball either way consistently and maintained consistency in length better than I can remember him doing before. He gave Harvey, our top scorer, a particularly torrid time before lunch and was extraordinarily unlucky not to have claimed the left-hander's wicket on several occasions. Our Australian players are quick tonight to acclaim his splendid performance.

Bedser swung the ball disconcertingly late and the general mechanics of his work were so controlled that he gave no relief whatever to the batsmen, already nonplussed by Wright.

Hardcourt Finals Today And Tomorrow

By "ARGONAUT"

One final and one semi-final of the 1951 Colony Hardcourt Championships are the tennis fan's attractions for this weekend.

Starting at 3 p.m. this afternoon at the Chinese Recreation Club, Tsui Wai-pui meets Edwin Tsai for the second time in this series. In their semi-final encounter last year Tsui was the victor in four sets.

Tsai has improved considerably since then, as evidenced by the fine display put up by him against K.C. Tao in the last Charly exhibition match, and his impressive win over George Choa in his previous round, but Tsui, the veteran of many finals, thinks that he still has that extra bit to enable him to enter yet another final. A close and keenly contested game should be seen.

Tomorrow at the same place, commencing at the same time, the Colony Hardcourt Doubles final will be decided between Col. J. Spence and Edwin Tsai and Tsui Yun-pui and Tsui Wai-pui.

Although the odds are in favour of the Tsui brothers, the Spence-Tsai combination appears to be as formidable as the Tsui pairing.

Spence has not had the opportunity of having a partner with suits his aggressive type of play until this tournament, and if he can cut his groundstroke errors to the minimum, a battle-royal with the issue fought out to the last ditch should be the order of this year's final.

PROGRAMME

TODAY 3 p.m.
Colony Hardcourt Men's Singles Semi-final: Tsui Wai-pui v. Edwin Tsai.

TOMORROW at 3 p.m.
Colony Hardcourt Men's Doubles Final: J. Spence and Edwin Tsai v. Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

It will quickly be discovered that Tsui must have lost five holes out of one series of nine, and four out of the other series of nine. (1) He wins four holes in sequence (210) and loses the other five (420). (2) He wins five isolated holes (420) and loses the other four (210). (3) He wins the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th and 11th holes. (4) He wins the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th and 11th holes. (5) He wins the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th and 11th holes. (6) He wins the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th and 11th holes. (7) He wins the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th and 11th holes. (8) He wins the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th and 11th holes. (9) He wins the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th and 11th holes. (10) He wins the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th and 11th holes. (11) He wins the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th and 11th holes. (12) He wins the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th and 11th holes. (13) He wins the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th and 11th holes. 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